

You're Engaged!

OUR GUIDE TO THE FIRST STEPS OF WEDDING PLANNING

01.

CELEBRATE

Before you dive into your planning, enjoy the sweet days following your engagement. Kiss each other a thousand times, share the news with your friends and family. Bask in these moments and find ways to make your engagement special.

03.

YOUR TARGET BUDGET

One of the biggest misconceptions we see is couples prioritizing their venue booking before they set their budget. Your budget is the first step before any wedding planning begins. If you don't know your budget, start by counting your cash. What are you each contributing towards your wedding? Consider any contributions from parents or loved ones. You will be thankful down the road that you booked your venue within your budget instead of having to raise your budget later to accommodate for your venue.

05.

HIRE HELP

Your planner will work with you to finesse the steps above and position you to make some official decisions like allocating your target budget, booking your key vendors and confirming your wedding date!

02.

ENVISION YOUR DAY

Whether you have been dreaming of your wedding all your life, or you haven't given any thought to whether you prefer a band or dj, set aside some time together to envision your day. Are you considering a destination wedding? Formal or informal? What season? Understanding your values and how you want to experience your wedding day will help solidify some of the decisions to come.

04.

DRAFT YOUR GUESTLIST

This next part hugely impacts how your budget is spent. Once you know your initial guestlist you will be better able to allocate parts of your budget towards different aspects of your day. Often your first thought is in relation to food & beverage, however, the amount of guests you invite determines how many tables you will need, which in turn determines additional elements and how many floral arrangements, etc. Revisit how you envisioned your day in Step 2. and consider it in relation to your budget and guestlist.

Checklist

☐ POP THE BUBBLY!

You're engaged! Pop some bubbly, kiss each other a thousand times and take a million photos.

☐ SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH LOVED ONES

We suggest telling your parents first!

☐ ANNOUNCE YOUR ENGAGEMENT

Shout it from the rooftops! Announce your engagement online, via a formal mailed announcement or traditionally through a newspaper.

☐ INSURE YOUR WEDDING RING

Your ring is typically covered under your home insurance policy. Check the coverage your provider offers. If your coverage doesn't amount to the cost of your ring you may want to add additional coverage.

☐ SEND YOUR RING FOR SIZING

Having shared your news and insured your ring, it's the perfect time to send your ring for sizing if you need to. We know, it's the worst!!

☐ SET YOUR TARGET BUDGET

Review our tips on setting your budget on our 'First Steps' guide. It's worth saying again - set your target budget first!

TARGET BUDGET: \$ _____

☐ DRAFT YOUR GUESTLIST

A few tips: Have an honest conversation with your family and with each other. Create alternative guestlists and categorize each lists.

ESTIMATED GUEST COUNT: _____

☐ CHOOSE THREE IDEAL WEDDING DATES

Having three date options creates space for you to assemble your perfect creative team with less chance of disappointment later.

DATE ONE: ____ / ____ / ____ DATE TWO: ____ / ____ / ____ DATE TWO: ____ / ____ / ____

☐ HIRE YOUR PLANNING TEAM

A note on hiring your planning team - there is no wrong time. If it feels right to hire them the minute the ring is on your finger, do it! We will walk you through these steps and help to set a target budget, draft an initial guest list and walk you through choosing your ideal date.