



CHEAT SHEET – WEDDING TASKS YOU CAN DO NOW

1. Family Photo Lists

Make lists of all the groupings for family photos to make it easier for your photographer to capture and any special moments you would be crushed if they were missed, so your photographers know your priorities.

*See word .doc 'Photo Lists' recently uploaded to the file section of your main Basecamp.

2. Decide on Speakers for toasts

Who will speak at the actual reception? We suggest no more than 3-4 speakers. What order will they speak in? Will anyone speak at the rehearsal dinner? Give this some thought and make a list now.

3. Make your wedding website

*See Cheat Sheet for this in the file section of your main Basecamp page

4. Write your vows!

This is the perfect time to think about gratitude and why you love your partner. Don't wait until the last minute – now that you have the time, spend some of it really crafting your vows if you'll be saying your own.

5. Do your online registry

Want a fun break? Decide on where you are going to register – and then get shopping! Yes, you can do more than one place. Yes, there are aggregators like Zola that will allow you to pick gifts from a bunch of different websites. And yes – there are sites where you can ask your guests to donate rather than buy you gifts if you already have a pretty set household My favorite is The Good Beginning: <https://thegoodbeginning.com/>

6. Plan that after party!

Now is the time to do all that research for your after party – while restaurants and bars might not be open for you to call and gather info, most of them still have emails and social handles and I guarantee you they will be more than happy to hear you want to book them in the future.

7. Gather info for your guest mailing list: emails, addresses, etc.

The most time consuming wedding task of all – get this done now and save yourself the headache. You can also use it as an excuse to touch base with family and friends to see how everyone is doing.

8. Stuff for your Ceremony:

- Pick your readings + readers
- Research creative ceremony traditions to add. Check out this fun list: <https://choosefrugal.com/wedding-ceremony-ideas/>
- Work with your officiant over Zoom to pin down your ceremony script
- Think about any reserved seating for family – who sits where?
- Plan out your processional: who do you want to walk and when?
- Doing programs? Get those mock ups done now, save the ordering for later.

9. Choose your Music:

- Song selections for your ceremony: processional, recessional, etc.
- Song selections for all the important moments like dances, cake cutting, introductions and last song of the evening.
- Feeling Extra? Make a full cocktail hour playlist to set just the mood you're looking for.
- Make a 'getting ready' playlist for your wedding.

10. Food + Bar:

- Not had your tasting? Figure out what you want to try from the list your caterer provided.
- Work on your bar selections, signature drink names + recipes

11. Wedding Party:

- Plan any gifts or treats you may want to give
- Decide on a few choices for wedding party wardrobe and order swatches and samples.
- Ordering breakfast, lunch or coffee while getting ready? Figure out a plan now.

12. Fashion:

- Think about accessories! Jewelry, ties, hair pieces, cuff links, socks, shoes, tie clips, all the things.
- Virtual dress hunting!
- Check out the online suit rental providers
- Look into having a custom dress or suit made

Lastly, think about pre-ordering gift cards or supporting your vendors on any sales they might be offering during this time for things like: prints + albums from your photographer, day of paper goods, flower + gown preservation, tailoring + alterations, meal/coffee delivery for the morning of your wedding, welcome bag items, hair + makeup services for showers and other events, or anything else you would like to buy for your event down the line.