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TIPS & *Elopement & Wedding* TRICKS

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DEEP BREATHS

Okay?

THIS IS HUGE NEWS!

You're ENGAGED and that's a huge reason to be happy and celebrate! While it's exciting, I'm sure you're a little stuck on where to begin.

After being a bride myself and being a part of the vendor team, I can plan a wedding in my sleep.

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Don't worry, I got you! I'm here to give you all the ins and outs of what you can expect while planning your big day! I'll give you tips, tricks, and provide some hot trends for you to open your mind to

LET THE FUN BEGIN

This guide will take you step by step through the BIG decisions you have to make for your day, plus a few of the little ones. We'll tell you the questions to ask vendors, information to consider, and walk you through the thought process before booking each portion of your day!

Take a gander and see what tips and tricks you can find! Don't forget, I'm here to help and make your wedding process so much easier!

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TALK BUDGET

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FIND YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

STEP 5
ADVICE & TRENDS YOU
COULD CONSIDER

BEFORE WE DIVE IN . . .

HAVE A DATE NIGHT

This is supposed to be fun and you and your fiancé have a lot of things to discuss! Go somewhere where you can sit down for a long discussion on priorities, budget, and your overall vision. It's all easier with a cup of coffee, bottle of wine, or your best brew.

RESEARCH

It's ok to take a breather and spend a few weeks on Pinterest and Instagram! This is all new and it needs time to settle in your brain. Let it sink in, find a bit of a vision and clearer path and then start planning!

FIND YOUR VISION

Do you want an intimate setting or a giant party? Evening wedding or morning brunch? Do you want to escape the traditional theme and go elope somewhere on the side of a mountain or sand dune? Party it up with your friends on a trolley or casually walk the streets to your reception? *if it's close by of course*

ENJOY IT!

Savor the bits and pieces of planning that you'll never get to do again! Like trying on dresses or sitting eating TONS of free wedding cake samples. Buy all the magazines, drink all the complimentary champagne, and treat yo'self!

TALK

Budget

This part can get a little hectic and honestly not a fun time but it's the foundation of the whole process! You can't find a venue/photographer/dj/caterer if you don't know what you can spend, right?

Figure out what you want to spend out of your own pockets and have the family contribution discussion if needed.

*also, don't be afraid to ask your photog what/who they used for their own wedding! You could possibly open a door to hella deals!

CHOOSE YOUR VENDOR TEAM

After you know your over-all budget, decide what your top three aspects of the day are. Are you looking to Elope at an amazing secluded location or host a Wedding closer to you with 100+ guests!?

Do you want dramatic florals or do you want the location/venue to be elegant enough that you can keep decor minimal?

Do you want a fabulous guest-experience with favors and late-night snacks or do you want to invest in photography with photo albums to really make the experience last? List your priorities and figure out what you're willing to skimp on, and what you're willing to splurge on!





Guest List

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK

HAVE WE SEEN THEM IN A YEAR?

WOULD WE BUY THEM DINNER?

DO OUR PARENTS WANT THEM THERE?

WOULD WE FEEL BAD FOR NOT INVITING THEM?

DANCING SKILLS?

FIND YOUR PHOTOG

I always suggest that if a certain location/venue and photographer are both in your top 3, book them simultaneously. There's nothing worse than finding your dream location and your dream photographer not being available, and vice versa!

Finding a photographer is a tricky business - photographs are the only tangible thing that's left from the day you planned, and you want a photographer that not only can handle anything a wedding day can throw their way but someone who gives you more of an experience than just being another vendor.





THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

ARE THEY INSURED?

This is a tell-tale sign of if your photographer is a true professional! They should be able to show proof of insurance and your venue might require it.

Insurance makes sure that they're not liable for any whoopsies on the wedding day and protects your final images!

REVIEWS, REVIEWS, REVIEWS,

Comb the internet, Facebook, and any wedding storefront pages like the Knot and Wedding Wire to check out reviews. It's okay to ask the photographer for references too - you're investing a lot into them!

CAN THEY PROVIDE FULL GALLERIES?

Ask for SEVERAL full wedding galleries when you're searching for a photographer.

You want to make sure the full gallery tells the whole story, is edited consistently, and captures all the moments like the first kiss, dances, cake, and everything in between!

Advice & Tips

FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Florist



I get it! The bouquet's you see on Pinterest are out of this world with their beauty! You might be tempted to DIY this part of the day or go the faux flower route, and that's fine!

BUT I will tell you that investing into a florist can make or break the whole aesthetic of the day!

But I'm here to tell you that you don't need a massive bouquet! Why spend so much money on a gorgeous dress or wedding attire just to hide it behind a bouquet of flowers? You can spend less money on a smaller bouquet with more unique floral choices!



Putting funds towards something as unique as a bar truck is a statement **EVERYONE** will remember! Marquee letters are such a romantic touch especially for reception photos.





First Look

WHATS THE POINT?

The First Look is a new trending tradition that many couples are loving and there's a reason for this, THEY'RE AWESOME! However, not everyone is aware of how great a First Look is because they get caught up in how "non-traditional" .. no one ever said you had to follow every rule in the rule book!

With a First Look, nerves are gone! And when the nerves are gone, true emotions are free to be expressed. Your significant other would turn around and finally get their First Look at their stunning bride/groom and not only would they get to see you but they could truly embrace the moment with you, cry with you, kiss you and ENJOY that sweet moment with you for as long as you both want!

You Got This

**ENJOY THIS ENTIRE
PROCESS!**

It only happens once, so please please savor it! Make it as fun as possible: make date nights out of registering, binge watch your fav show while invitation addressing, have a girls night in while DIYing decor, and step back and reflect on the big picture when you get overwhelmed.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

I've got a lot more info to tell you!

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