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WEDDING PLANNING 101



TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED



YAY! CONGRATS YOU'RE ENGAGED

Now what do you do when everyone is bombarding you with questions about the big day? Let's dive in and get to it!

TIP ONE - first and foremost, set a budget. Will you be funding all of your wedding? Part of it? Is one side of the family paying a percentage? Did someone's family gift \$5k? Know where the money is coming from and how much each person is contributing. Create an excel file or use one of the many free wedding budget tools online (we love <https://apracticalwedding.com/spreadsheets>) . Your budget will play heavily into guest count, venue choice, catering style, etc.

TIP TWO - create a game plan.

What do I mean? Have a conversation with your partner on what you EACH want for this special day. What are you top 3 things that will make or break your wedding? What are theirs? Do you have a theme in mind? Are you leaning towards a certain season? Perhaps you want to skip town and have a destination wedding? Or even a pop-up wedding? Getting on board with each other is key. Talk through what you each envision then let that guide you through the planning.



TIP THREE - stay organized. Have a binder with tabs to keep all of your info together. You can easily make this or purchase something online. Create a separate email address only to be used for wedding planning. There is a plethora of info out there and now that the world knows you are engaged, you will be bombarded with emails, offers, advice, etc. It WILL get overwhelming.

TIP FOUR - pick a few wedding dates. Having your first, second and third choices along with as a back-up will be crucial when you start visiting venues. Holiday weekends and Saturdays are the most popular and often most expensive, so keep that in mind when thinking about your wedding date. Thursdays and Sundays are a great \$ saving night to get married. They also give you extra time to send with guests after or before the wedding!

TIP FIVE - creates your guests lists now. This doesn't have to be the final final, but at least start with who you want to share this special occasion with and write it down. Your budget, wedding date and venue will assist in determining how big the guest list can or will be.



TIP SIX - HIRE HELP

The average bride spends 36 days planning their wedding

You've already laid the groundwork for your wedding day; get a planner involved and let them do the heavy lifting. We can offer suggestions based on your budget, know which venues can accommodate potential guest sizes and set up tours. We're good at reviewing contracts, negotiating on your behalf and even getting discounts as many vendors are happy to know you have a wedding planner.

We offer a complimentary meet + greet with all couples to better understand your wedding needs and how we potentially assist you on your big day. Give us a call at 720-514-9595 or send us an email at info@detailsdetails.co and we can get something on the calendar :)



MARRIAGE IS ABOUT FINDING THAT ONE SPECIAL PERSON YOU WANT TO ANNOY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

TIP SEVEN - secure your venue. Say YES to your venue with one of your wedding dates! Does your venue require you to use their list of vendors? Do you have to pick from one of their caterers? Are there any restrictions on having a band vs a DJ? Will you be required to provide your own bartenders? Can you bring in your own alcohol? Getting the venue locked in will set in motion the next chunk of vendors and decisions.

TIP EIGHT - map out the rest of your vendors to hire. Photographers, DJs and bands, and officiants, at least the great ones, tend to book up quickly. Refer back to your make or break list and prioritize what's important to you as a couple for your wedding and focus on those vendors next.



TIP NINE - take breaks throughout the planning process. Make sure that you still get in a date night with your S.O. weekly, biweekly or at least monthly. Put down the phone, be present and don't talk about planning during your date night. Feeling stressed? Take a personal timeout from planning for a few days or a week (or two!) to clear your mind. Veg out with Netflix, go for a hike, visit the zoo lights. Do something you like to recharge!

TIP TEN - remember to have fun! This is your wedding, so keep that top of mind with ALL of the advice you'll get thrown at you. Are there parts of a wedding you aren't a fan of from the last five you went to last year? Don't include them in yours. Can't stand the idea of a garter toss? Easy - don't do it. When you look back on your one year, five year, ten year, twenty-five year anniversaries, you want to feel warm and fuzzy with those memories and have no regrets. So keep true to you and the love of your life with the planning and it will come together beautifully!

Now let's get this party started!