

Planning Guideline

Here is a guideline you will need for your wedding either on your own, or with professional assistance.

Your Budget

Your budget is the first thing that needs to be decided before anything else, since all your decisions are based on this.

Guest List

In order to plan your wedding, you must determine the amount of guests you want to invite.

Consider the following categories:

- *Bridal Party*
- *Officiant and spouse*
- *Bride's Friends*
- *Bride's Family*
- *Grooms Friends*
- *Grooms Family*
- *Friends of both bride and groom*

Ceremony and Officiant

Will you marry in a church or at the reception site? Who will marry you? You will need to decide on a ceremony site and an officiant.

Reception Site

You need to decide on a reception site that will reflect your personality and stay within your budget. This will include researching venues, visiting them, and negotiating a date that will work for you.

Selecting a Date

You must work with the officiant, ceremony site, reception site, and family to find a date that works for you.



Vendor Selection

Now that you have a budget, guest list, ceremony site, officiant, and reception site and date set, you can begin to book the following vendors.

- *Invitations-you need to decide on invitations, thank you notes, and programs.*
- *Florist-you should consider flowers for the ceremony site, bridal party, flowers for the family, reception site, and table decorations.*
- *Caterer-you may need a caterer depending on the reception site and location*
- *Cake*
- *Photographer*
- *Jeweler-for your wedding bands*
- *Hotels-reserve rooms for all the out of town guests that will be staying the night and a room for the bride and groom for the wedding night.*
- *Gift Registry-you need to register at at least one store, if not more for gift selections.*
- *Hair/Makeup-for the bride and bridal party*
- *Music-a band or a dj*
- *Clothing and Accessories-wedding dress, veil, shoes, and accessories for the bride; suites or tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen; dresses and accessories for the bridesmaids*
- *Transportation-for the bride and groom on the wedding day*

Honeymoon

If you are going on a honeymoon, you must make travel arrangements

Rehearsal and Rehearsal Dinner

You will need to plan a rehearsal for the ceremony and a rehearsal dinner for at least the wedding party and the immediate family.

Wedding Brunch

This is optional-you may want to plan a brunch for the bridal party for the day of the wedding.

Gifts for the Bridal Party

You will need a small gift for everyone in the bridal party, to be given at the rehearsal dinner.

