

# 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.*

