

# How to Plan a Wedding

## Set a Wedding Budget

- Determine your total budget for the wedding
- Allocate funds for different categories (venue, catering, attire, decorations, etc.)
- Consider additional expenses like honeymoon and contingency fund

## Define Your Wedding Vision

- Discuss and decide on the overall style and theme of the wedding
- Choose a color scheme, aesthetic, and mood for the event
- Consider cultural or personal traditions to incorporate into the wedding

## Create a Wedding Timeline

- Set a wedding date and create a timeline leading up to the wedding day
- Establish milestones for booking vendors, sending invitations, and other key tasks
- Allocate time for dress fittings, rehearsals, and other pre-wedding events

## Compile a Guest List

- Create a list of potential guests with input from both families
- Determine the number of guests based on your budget and venue capacity
- Consider factors like relationships, location, and special considerations

## Choose and Book a Venue

- Research wedding venues that align with your vision and budget
- Schedule venue visits to assess suitability and availability
- Secure the venue by signing a contract and paying a deposit

## Select Wedding Vendors

- Research and hire essential vendors such as caterers, photographers, videographers, florists, and musicians/DJs
- Read reviews, view portfolios, and compare quotes before making decisions
- Communicate your preferences and expectations clearly to vendors

## Design Invitations and Stationery

- Create or order wedding invitations, save-the-date cards, and other stationery
- Include relevant details such as date, venue, RSVP information, and dress code
- Coordinate design elements with your wedding theme and colors

## Plan Ceremony and Reception Details

- Decide on ceremony details (vows, readings, music, officiant)
- Plan reception logistics including seating arrangements, menu selections, and entertainment
- Arrange for decorations, centerpieces, lighting, and other aesthetic elements

## Finalize Attire and Beauty Details

- Choose wedding attire for the couple, bridal party, and parents
- Schedule dress fittings, hair, and makeup trials
- Coordinate accessories, shoes, and grooming appointments

## Organize Wedding Day Logistics

- Create a detailed wedding day timeline for vendors, bridal party, and key participants
- Coordinate transportation for the couple, bridal party, and guests
- Confirm details with vendors, venue staff, and wedding coordinator

## Arrange Pre-Wedding Events

- Plan and organize pre-wedding events such as engagement parties, bridal showers, and bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Coordinate dates, venues, invitations, and activities
- Delegate responsibilities or hire planners for larger events

## Obtain Marriage License and Legal Requirements

- Research and fulfill legal requirements for obtaining a marriage license in your jurisdiction
- Gather necessary documents and complete paperwork within the required timeframe
- Understand marriage laws, regulations, and officiant requirements

## Prepare for Post-Wedding Tasks

- Plan for post-wedding tasks such as name changes, thank-you cards, and gift management
- Organize wedding gifts, returns, and follow-ups with vendors
- Arrange for storage or preservation of wedding attire and memorabilia

## Enjoy Your Wedding Day

- Relax and enjoy the culmination of your wedding planning efforts
- Stay present in the moment and cherish memories with loved ones
- Trust your planning process and embrace unexpected moments with grace