

A Wedding Planning Guide Can Save You Time and Money

A lot of stress and work is involved in planning a wedding, and if it's your own that you're looking forward to, you may find yourself lying awake at night wondering if you've forgotten something! This is why making a wedding planning guide is so important; as it can help you avoid much of these worry and stress.

First, you must include your reception in the wedding planning guide. It may seem like a lot to handle at first, but putting it all down on paper as a continued reference will keep you on track. You'll need to not only reserve the reception location, but also consider if your guests will need to have accommodations.

Next, your wedding planning guide should include the all-important dress. Yes, this is often the most important for a bride, and should not be taken lightly. You may decide to order the first one you try on, and it could take one hundred for you to find the right one.

You might also need to order the dress and wait several months for it to arrive, so don't be afraid to start looking right away. Look through several bridal magazines and start to clip pictures of those dresses you really like for your wedding planning guide to make the process easier.

Next, include a section for your wedding cake in the wedding planning guide. The cake will serve as the centerpiece of your entire reception, and your guests will remember it for some time. Ask for referrals to find the best bakeries available in your area, and schedule several tastings. Also ask to see a portfolio of the baker's past wedding cakes and inquire about pricing.

Don't be afraid to ask for references, and consider fillings in your cake as well. Ask about cake toppers, fountains, tiers and stands to see what they suggest for your event. You'll need to know how long the baker will need to have to complete your order; usually a week or two at minimum. Also take pictures of wedding cakes you really like, too.

Your wedding planning guide may also include the invitations, photographer, wedding jewelry and rings, decorations and floral arrangements. You'll be able to keep everything organized in your wedding planning guide, and even include special sections for the bachelorette party and ceremony details.

Also start a section in your wedding planning guide to help with your honeymoon destination and things you'll do while there, accommodations, etc. You'll need to arrange transportation and coordinate this with the end of your reception and any clean-up duties you need to account for. You may also want to reserve a honeymoon suite for your wedding night if you won't be leaving for your honeymoon immediately.

Include a budget and estimated cost of each item in your wedding planning guide, too. Staying within your budget and recording every cost will ensure you don't begin your new life together in debt from your special day!