

SO YOU'RE ENGAGED, NOW WHAT?

TIPS ON WHERE THE HECK TO START!



The moment you've been waiting for has finally arrived... YOU'RE ENGAGED! You've anticipated this moment for so long and now that it's actually here you find yourself completely lost.

Don't fret! Here are seven tips on where to start when you haven't thought passed saying, "Yes."

ONE: SAY YES TO PINTEREST

I know it seems cliché, but Pinterest has plenty of “To-Do” lists for wedding planning. You can also upload your own photos to keep track of items you are collecting and tasks you’ve already achieved. Overall, Pinterest boards are a great way to organize your wedding vision.

TWO: GET ON THAT GUEST LIST

Sit down with your fiancé(e) and form a potential guest list. This is an extremely important step because the number of guests you intend to have plays a key role in a lot of other wedding decisions, such as your venue and food costs.

THREE: BUDGET! BUDGET! BUDGET!

Figure out how much money you will each be putting into the wedding as well as try to get a rough estimate of what other people (i.e. The Bank of Mom and Dad) are willing to contribute to the wedding budget.

Note: If you find yourself low on funds, maybe consider some other options, such as having a smaller wedding or raising money through a “Stag and Doe.”

FOUR: THREE’S THE CHARM

After you have set your budget, both you and your fiancé(e) should separately pick three elements that that you feel are most important to allocate money to (for instance, would you rather have a better venue or a better DJ?). After you’ve chosen, share your Top Three choices with your fiancé(e). Doing this will help you prioritize the things that will really make or break the day for you.

FIVE: DIVIDE AND CONQUER

From here, it is best to make a list of all the other necessities for your wedding. The remainder of the budget can then be divided appropriately amongst these items/services.

SIX: WIGGLE WITH IT

Always leave wiggle room in your budget in case of unexpected mishaps or things that may have slipped your mind. You may also find that along the way you become more willing to spend money in an area you hadn't anticipated on (for instance, that dream wedding dress or that perfect photographer), so it's a good idea to have some room in the budget in case this happens to occur.

SEVEN: IT'S ABOUT TIME

Once you have formed a list of all the components you want to include in your wedding, it is important that you create a schedule of when tasks should be started and completed by. When you try to do too many tasks at once, you become overwhelmed; this opens up the opportunity for certain things to be rushed, or worse, forgotten. By spreading things out on a monthly timeline, you'll be able to make sure that everything gets accounted for. You'll also be able to better prepare for how much you'll have to spend one month and how much to save for the next. Taking the time to outline your schedule early on in the process will allow you to avoid some unnecessary stress and headaches later!

HAPPY PLANNING 😊



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