

The
WEDDING PLANNING
fundamentals
WORKSHEET



BABE #1:	BABE #2:
CITIES / REGIONS / AREAS CONSIDERING:	
DAY(S) OF WEEK CONSIDERING:	
TIME(S) OF DAY CONSIDERING:	
IDEAL GUEST COUNT:	
IDEAL WEDDING BUDGET:	DO NOT EXCEED BUDGET:



priorities

PARTNER #1 PRIORITIES – YOUR WEDDING **MUSTS**

Circle the TOP 6 wedding priorities that matter to you most. Feel free to add your own:

Alcohol & Bar	Day-of Childcare	Hairstylist	Makeup Artist	Reception Venue	Videographer
Bouquet	Desserts	Honeymoon	Music	Shoes / Accessories	Wedding Planner
Cake	Entertainment	Invitations	Non-Floral Décor	Signage	Welcome Bags
Catering & Food	Favors	Jewelry / Rings	Photo Booth	Suit / Tux	.....
Ceremony Arch	Floral Arrangements	Lighting	Photographer	Tables & Linens	.....
Ceremony Venue	Gown	Limo / Vehicle	Pre-Wedding Events	Tenting

From those Top 6, choose your TOP 3 Wedding Priorities:

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PARTNER #2 PRIORITIES – YOUR WEDDING **MUSTS**

Circle the TOP 6 wedding priorities that matter to you most. Feel free to add your own:

Alcohol & Bar	Day-of Childcare	Hairstylist	Makeup Artist	Reception Venue	Videographer
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OUR TOP 3 PRIORITIES: *From your combined 6 priorities above, agree on your Top 3 together! #teamwork*

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vibe

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND JOT DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS:

Do we want the wedding to be more time-honored and traditional, or more fresh and forward-thinking?

Do we want the wedding to be more formal and fancy, or more cool and casual?

Are there any colors we simply **MUST** incorporate into the color palette?

Are there any unique aspects of our personalities, culture, and / or relationship we'd like to incorporate?

What do we want our guests to say about our wedding once it's over?

YOUR WEDDING KEYWORDS

Circle 4–6 words that best match how you want your wedding to look and feel. Feel free to add your own:

Adventurous	Cozy	Fun	Lighthearted	Outdoorsy	Unique
Artistic	Eclectic	Glamorous	Lush	Romantic	Vintage
Boho	Edgy	Handmade	Minimalist	Rustic	Whimsical
Casual	Elegant	Inclusive	Modern	Simple	.....
Classic	Energetic	Intimate	Offbeat	Stylish	.....
Colorful	Fancy	Joyful	Organic	Trendy

3 things **WE** want to remember most about our wedding day:

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3 things we want our guests to **FEEL** during our wedding celebration:

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budget

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

How much can we *realistically and comfortably* afford to spend on the wedding?

Based on our monthly income, how much can we reasonably save between now and the wedding?

How much, if any, can we responsibly pull from an existing savings account?

Are there any other key players that will be contributing financially to our wedding?

Make sure to meet with any contributors promptly to discuss the details.

Will these key players be adding to the guest list as well?

Who will be ultimately responsible for financial / budgeting decisions?

TO DO FOR YOU:

- ☐ **Review average wedding costs in your area** to help set realistic expectations of what type of wedding you can afford.
- ☐ **Build an Emergency Fund / Unexpected Costs buffer of at least 5%** into your overall wedding budget. *(Search “Hidden Wedding Costs” on the Here Comes The Guide website for a comprehensive list.)*
- ☐ **Get EVERYTHING in writing.** Before you sign the dotted line on any venue or vendor contract, make sure you know *exactly* what's included in your package—and what's not.
- ☐ **DON'T go into debt to say I Do.** If you do use credit, pay off the balance as soon as possible. Look beyond the “big day” to your “big life”!

Team

WEDDING VENDOR PRIORITIES:

Circle the TOP 3 vendors that you are MOST excited about finding:

Accommodations	Event Designer	Officiant	Venue
Bar Service	Event Rentals	Photographer	Videographer
Cake / Bakery	Floral Designer	Reception Band	Wedding Planner
Caterer	Hairstylist	Seamstress / Tailor	.....
Ceremony Musicians	Lighting Designer	Stationer	.....
DJ / MC	Makeup Artist	Transportation	.....

Now cross off any vendor categories you DON'T want to include on your team.

VENUE / VENDOR WISH LIST:

Are there any venues / vendors we already know we MUST (or really hope to!) book?

Are there any venue / vendor referrals we've received that we want to check out?

Do we have any friends / family members that work in the wedding industry that we could consider hiring?

Are there any DIY projects we're planning on tackling ourselves?

experience

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES AT WEDDINGS:

Is there anything specific or unique that we've seen as wedding guests that WE want to consider doing?

The 2-3 things that we usually notice and remember about a wedding are:

Partner #1 – My favorite part of a wedding is:

Partner #2 – My favorite part of a wedding is:

Are there any cultural, religious, or heritage elements we'd like to include in our wedding?

WEDDING FORMALITIES

Circle 2-3 wedding traditions you're MOST excited to incorporate:

Afterparty	Grand Entrance	Personalized Vows	Wedding Parties
Bouquet Toss	Grand Exit	Pets in Wedding	Wedding Party Dance
Cake Cutting	Guest Book	Receiving Line	Wedding Party Gifts
First Dance	Honeymoon Suite	Speeches / Toasts	.....
First Look	Kids in Wedding	Unity Ceremony	.....
Garter Toss	Parent Dances	Wedding Favors	.....

Now cross off any you DON'T want to include.

We agree that at the end of the day, what really matters is we get to marry each other.
Everything else is just icing on the proverbial wedding cake.

