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Your Wedding Checklist

# GETTING STARTED

So you got engaged, you did the Insta post, you've drank the fizz so now what?!

Get organised - use this checklist to help you start your 'to do' lists, wedding spreadsheet. I use Trello boards a lot for sharing the same to do list with more than 1 person

Set your budget - this is going to set the tone for your whole wedding - so get this right from day one

Agree on the things you can't live without and put them in your budget straight away

Write a rough guest list - you will need this to know what size venue you are going to need

Get Help! - Draft in and delegate to people - there's a lot to do, so share bits of your planning out

Try to remember that the planning is all part of your wedding day, so enjoy it & for those tasks you know you're not going to enjoy add a treat after getting it done - meal out, pamper day

I have designed this checklist to help you get started but this list isn't an exhausted list, use it as you need to

# WEDDING PLANNER CHECKLIST

- Announce Engagement
- Discuss a date
- Set a budget & agree on what are the most important elements to your day
- Create an spreadsheet to keep track of your budget - you can always download mine
- Create a mood board and agree on a style and colour theme
- Agree on a rough guestlist - you will need this to know what size venue to look at
- Research venues and get viewings booked in
- Set up a wedding email address so you can keep track of everything in 1 place
- Choose your bridesmaid/s , groomsmen ect
- Book you ceremony and reception - if not in the same venue
- Research photographer/ videographer - we get booked up at least a year in advance
- Send out save the date cards
- Research they kind of dress / suit you want
- Book into bridal shops for fitting
- Are you wanting the venue to do the food or bring in your own caterers / street food?
- Research the cake style you are after - go for cake tasting
- Find MUA & Hairstylist
- Wedding shoes
- Do you need transport to the venue?
- Consider some wedding insurance
- Consider wedding fairs - I know a load so message me if you don't know where to start

# WEDDING PLANNER CHECKLIST

- Have you considered a wedding stylist? Think about the details - table planner, how to fill the timeline gaps, are you having children at the wedding? Do you need games?
- Start bridesmaid shopping
- Make a list of all the deposits you need to make
- Evening entertainment?
- Set up your own wedding website where you can be a bit more eco in sharing all your information; accommodation updated timings, RSVP
- Now if you have reached this far then well done! Plus I hope by now you have got yourself an engagement ring?
- Ok - so now it's time to think about your wedding rings
- If you are anything like me then details are like jewellery to a magpie - so to make your day your own think about details such as; signs, bath tubs for the booze, party games, ceremony backdrops, umbrellas
- Are you having a honeymoon
- Stag party
- Hen party
- Lighting for the venue
- Chairs - do you need covers?
- Stationary - do you want someone to do these for you?
- Wedding vows
- Wedding favours
- Confetti - go eco and have dried flowers or leaves

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

We live in the UK and no matter what the season we could be in for any type of weather, so when choosing your venue think about: where can we go if it's raining, where is there some natural shade incase we have 30 degrees and nanna needs to get out of the sun

If you want couple shots outdoors where can you go - check with the venue what land / space they own

If you are getting married aboard, check if you have to use the venue's photographer or can you bring your own?

Wedding gifts - use your website to create a wedding shopping list for your guests

Do you need to organise transport for guests from your ceremony to your wedding reception

If you are having both a videographer and photographer ask how they will work together so they don't get in each others shots

If you are having a church wedding and want your photographer to get those shots of you walking down the aisle then you need to tell the person marrying you this is your wish - take it from me the amount of time's I have been told where to stand and not move has meant these shots are unable to happen - we are powerless unless you tell your vicar/ celebrant that this has to happen for you

Do you want to submit your wedding to a wedding blog?

If you want those cool shots with you photographer you will need time - so consider cutting out areas such as group shots

# WORDS OF ADVICE FROM MY COUPLES

*"Don't procrastinate - take your time for sure but when it comes to somethings...it's a case of when you know you know - the dress, the photographer etc! If you know you love it and want it then just book it...it risk the heartache of 'coming back to it' to find out it's gone"!*

*"Don't feel like you have book something because it's tradition or you've been to weddings that had it or a relative has said you should"*

*"Try to think realistically. Every wedding is different, so don't compare yours to one you've been to/seen on Pinterest/saw in a magazine etc. If you're getting married in December in a country house, you're not going to get sunshine beach shots"!*

*"Just do you! Who cares if your mum wants the big white wedding and grandma wants seat covers. It's gotta be exactly how you two want it, not to please others"*


*"Ask the venue if they have any specific timings, we booked our venue without realising they wouldn't let us do our venue on our timings"!*

*"Take time out together on the actual day, the day will go so quick and you can be pulled in so many directions talking to your guests. It's nice to have that time to just scream with excitement at each other"!*

*"Don't be afraid to get your dress dirty, if you want those shots you have been dreaming of, trust your photographer, you might be in a field, sitting on a log, who cares if your dress gets dirty"!*

# SUPPLIERS

- Photographer
- Videographer
- Dress / veil
- Suits
- Bridesmaids dresses
- Stationary / signs / table plans
- Prop hire
- Wedding stylist
- Wedding planner
- Evening games
- Band
- Photobooth
- Food & Drinks
- Florists
- Cake Maker
- Shoes
- Bridal underwear
- Hair & MUA
- Nails
- Rings / Jewellery
- Hair Accessories
- Neon Lights / lighting



*Don't forget to pay any  
deposit's  
to secure your supplier*

*Hope you have found this useful?*

*Don't forget to come and find me on Instagram ([beckytranterphotography](https://www.instagram.com/beckytranterphotography)) where I regularly post up ideas  
suppliers and featured weddings*

Love  
Becky x