



Planning a wedding?

Ok, it's Valentine's month and your partner proposed. Now you have a wedding to plan! Get an accordion folder to help you keep organized. Here are a few categories that we are going to tackle and you can incorporate into your new system:

- Budget
- Ceremony
- Date, Venue and Time
- Invitations and RSVP
- Photos/Videos
- Venue and Entertainment
- Theme/colors
- Traditions

Let's start with your budget. Talk to your partner and parents to see what your budget is going to be. Then break it down into the different categories and ask yourself what are the most important categories to you? This is a good time to negotiate with people in order to figure out what to put the money towards.

Ceremony - do either of you have an idea of what kind of ceremony you want, religious vs civil ceremony? How many people do you want in your wedding party? I know it's hard to only ask certain people because we are afraid to hurt someone's feelings.

Now you have to schedule the date, venue and time. Some research may result in huge savings, like scheduling it outside the wedding season – May thru Oct.

Then choose your invitations and get it together. Nowadays, it is much easier when you can do this all yourself and save hundreds of dollars.

Some people find it helpful to attend a bridal show in their area to get names of photographers and video companies to help you remember your day. Ask for contracts, pricing, and referrals and then do your homework and follow up.

Give some thoughts to your theme of the special day and what colors you want and what your budget will allow.

Traditions: are there any special traditions that you would like to incorporate into your wedding day? Talk to your partner and see what kinds of things you would like to happen and write them down.

Your accordion file folder will help you keep track of contracts, meetings and schedules.

Lastly, keep track of your budget and discuss it frequently. It will help keep you accountable with one another and check-in with each other several times through this process. We don't want any surprises. We don't want to enter a marriage severely in debt.

Here are some helpful websites. The second website breaks it down by month:

<http://bridalguide.com/planning/wedding-planning-basics/guide-to-planning-a-wedding>

<http://www.herecomestheguide.com/wedding-party-ideas/detail/the-guide-brides-wedding-checklist/>

Good luck!

Upcoming Events

March 7 at 7:30pm

hosted by Eastern Oakland County CHADD (Children and Adults with ADD) Way Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills.

Contact Fran Parker at 248-988-6716 to register.

I will be giving some general organizing tips.

Happy Organizing and try not to be a Bridezilla!

Your local professional organizer,
Betty Huotari

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