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WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

Planning a wedding is one of the biggest events you will ever plan in your entire life. As Wedding Planners and Stylists we have been doing this for over 10 years, and yes it is so much fun- we're not going to lie. However, in a lot of cases turning a vision into a reality can cause a lot of stress and headache- which we don't want you to feel.

So in order to make your life stress free, more enjoyable and actually allow you to see planning as fun, we have created this Ultimate Wedding Planning Guide to address all of the things that no one really discusses when you first say "Yes". We know that this guide will take a load off you in the initial stages of your wedding

planning, allowing you to make the right decisions and think like we do.

So be sure to get comfortable, put your feet up and get your cup of coffee out because you are going to need to soak all of this information in to ensure you know how to start your wedding planning journey the right way!

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“Your wedding is the dream you imagined when you first fell in love!”



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TIP #101

Before you start doing any planning make sure you have decided on your wedding budget and your overall vision with your fiancé.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS



If you are getting married in Queensland, your registered marriage celebrant, is responsible for registering your marriage on your behalf. By law, your registered marriage celebrant has 14 days to submit your marriage to be registered.

If you get married in another state or country, your marriage needs to be registered with the interstate or overseas registry.

The wedding certificate given to you by your registered marriage celebrant on the day of your marriage ceremony, is not an official marriage certificate and can not be used to prove your marriage to government agencies or banks.

You do not automatically receive a marriage certificate after getting married. You need to complete the marriage certificate application form and pay a fee.

Processing your marriage registration and marriage certificate application forms can take up to 10 business days. If you apply for a marriage certificate before your registered marriage celebrant registers your marriage, we will post the marriage certificate when it is ready.

For more information please view: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/>

“All things done in love are done well!”

STYLING TIPS

“Creating the ultimate wedding style is all about creating what you both love!”

1. Choosing Your Theme

Prior to making any purchases the most important thing to do is to determine your overall theme. Your theme should highly compliment the venue that you have chosen – i.e. don't choose to have a country styled wedding if you've booked a venue in the heart of a busy city.

2. Gaining Inspiration

Once you have determined the theme that best represents both you and your fiancé, start gaining inspiration! We recommend searching bridal blogs, bridal magazines and of course, don't forget Pinterest! Try to keep all of your ideas to a similar colour scheme and feel of the venue that you have chosen so that it all works cohesively. Be sure to also get inspiration for the finer details such as your stationery, florals, chairs and bridal party attire, as well as photo booths, bars and lolly buffets, if these are going to feature at your wedding.

See the included MOOD BOARD template to help you put together your inspiration pg. 9.

3. Making it Yours

Once you have collected as much inspiration as possible and are starting to feel more certain about what you specifically want, start to take the best ideas from all of your images and recreate them with new colours and designs that work in best with your venue.

When designing your table décor, keep in mind that long banquet style tables work really effectively with just a table runner, florals and candles along the top and round tables usually work well with a small floral centrepiece in the middle, or if your venue has high ceilings tortured willow or pomanders are a great option. For all of the smaller touches around the room such as your signing table, guest table, etc, you can just use smaller vases of the same florals that are on your tables and incorporate matching stationery to your guests' name tags and menus.

Finally, if you are really struggling to put it all together and styling is one of your top wedding priorities I would highly recommend looking into a styling coordinator who can also alleviate some of the stress by turning your vision into a reality.

CHAIR STYLES



Tiffany Chairs

Are the most popular wedding chair around the world. They come in quite a few different colours and are fantastic for elegant wedding receptions or ceremonies.

Americana Chairs

These chairs are one of the most popular ceremony chairs and can also work really well for receptions that have simple centrepieces.



Cross back Chairs

These gorgeous chairs are definitely a trendy way to give your wedding a different look that will allow you to keep your table decor sweet and simple.

Bentwood Chairs

Are becoming the new trend. They go well with banquet style seating and look great with hinterland weddings.



BRIDAL PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES



Maid of Honour

Her main duty is to assist the bride with most of her planning duties, such as organising dress fittings etc. She signs the marriage certificate as the bride's witness and organises the Bridal Shower and Hen's Party.

Bridesmaids

Their main duty is to assist the Maid of Honour with her planning duties and assist the bride with any extra help she may need. Some of these tasks may include mailing out the wedding invitations, shopping for her bridal gown and assisting her with styling choices for the wedding. They walk the processional and recession. They would usually pay for their own attire for the wedding.

At the reception they would dance with the other groomsmen for the first dance and then mingle with the important guests.

Junior Bridesmaids

Usually between 9-13 yrs of age. She would usually wear an age appropriate dress that her parents would pay for and arrange for her transport to the wedding.

Flower Girl

Usually between 4 and 8 yrs of age. During the processional she will walk in front of the Bride and scatter flower petals in her path. She should also attend the wedding ceremony rehearsal so she feels comfortable with her role.

BRIDAL PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Best Man

Just like the Maid of Honour the Best Man's main responsibility is to assist the Groom with any of his planning responsibilities. These would usually include choosing his suit and organising the bucks party. He is also responsible for signing the marriage certificate.

Groomsmen

A Groomsmen's main responsibility is to assist the Best Man with any of his planning responsibilities. They will need to attend all suit fittings and arrive at the ceremony before most of the guests to welcome them all. They are usually expected to pay for their own attire and transport on the day.

Ring Bearer

The Ring Bearer is traditionally a boy that carries the rings down the aisle on a satin pillow and then gives them to the Best Man and Maid of Honour to hand over to the Bride and Groom.

Bride and Groom's Parents

Traditionally the Bride's parents would be in charge of paying for the entire wedding, however in this day and age the couple will usually pay for as much as they can and receive help where it is required. At the Wedding both parents are usually meant to meet and greet the wedding guests on their side of the family and the Bride's Father and/ or mother will be there to walk the bride down the aisle.

ADVICE:

*These roles are just a guideline and you may want to do things differently based on your values.

*Choose your bridal party based on the positive people in your life that have proven to be a great support network to you.

*Let your bridal party know how much you expect them to pay for up front to avoid any later altercations, and give them enough time to save.

*Remember to thank them at the end and give them something small or write them a letter to show your appreciation for everything that they have done for you along the way.

SEASONAL FLOWER GUIDE



*Please note that these are just a guide and there are many more in season
Based on Queensland seasons

BRIDAL SHOWER IDEAS



Unique Bridal Shower Themes

- Pancake or Champagne Breakfast
- Mexican BBQ fiesta
- Movie Character dress up
- Pamper session at a home
- Baking party Yoga Retreat

Bridal Shower Organisation Tips

Once you have chosen your theme, or have made up one of your own you will need to set the date, organise the guest list, send out the invitations, organise the food and plan the activities.

Be sure to have your Bridesmaids do most of the planning, but you will need to give them some guidance as to what type of shower you would like.

Most showers will need a food or dessert buffet table, including enough beverages for all of the guests. Your Bridesmaids will then need to organise the activities. If you need any ideas be sure to check out: www.forevaevents.com.au/bridal-shower-games/

Make sure your bridesmaids know what you want because there are always several other options, such as just having a low key picnic etc.

Remember that the idea of this day is to celebrate you and enjoy the company of your close female friends and relatives. Traditionally they would shower you with gifts, however this is not necessary.

“Life is all about having the very best experiences!”

WEDDING OVERVIEW

THE OVERVIEW:

Number of Guests: _____

Number in Bridal Party: _____

Ceremony location: _____

Reception location: _____

THE BUDGET:

Venue/ catering: \$ _____

Celebrant: \$ _____

Photographer/ videographer: \$ _____

Styling/ flowers: \$ _____

Hair and Makeup: \$ _____

Apparel (dress/suit): \$ _____

Cake: \$ _____

Music (DJ/ Band): \$ _____

Stationery: \$ _____

Transport: \$ _____

_____ : \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

THE STYLE

Colour Palette: (3- 5 colours)

Theme:

Flowers in season:

Ceremony decor you like:

Reception decor you like:

STYLING MOODBOARD

Attach your favourite image from each selection.

Be sure to use your colour palette for styling items.

RECEPTION

CEREMONY

CAKE

DRESS

SUIT

BOUQUETS

STATIONERY



"LIFE IS SO MUCH BETTER,
WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE!"

We hope you have enjoyed this guide!

STYLE TIP MONDAY QUESTIONS: If you have any questions please email:
hello@forevaevents.com.au and we will read out the answers on our Instagram social stories each week for our Style Tip Monday.

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Happy planning my love!!

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