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WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

YOUR WEDDING

Should be fun to plan, involve both of you and be a complete, real expression of you as a couple.

**LET'S GET
CRACKING**

**YOU ALWAYS
DRIVE ME
CRAZY (IN A GOOD WAY)**

When it comes to planning your wedding, make sure that you both feel heard. Obviously there's an element of society sticking its nose where it doesn't belong and telling you that the bride will plan it all while the groom just "Does what he's told". I'm here to tell you to f*ck that noise and you do you.

If you have ideas, share them! Been to a wedding and loved a certain part of it and not others? Make those things known and work through them together so you can find a middle ground that reflects you both.



WORK TOGETHER

IT IS NOT
AS HARD AS IT SEEMS
(AT LEAST IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE)



I am always telling people that surrounding yourself with the right people will make the planning that much more fun and will allow you to be way more relaxed on the day if you know that everyone knows what they're doing and is good at it!

If you're not sure where to start, ask your vendors for recommendations on who they have worked with before. You'll most likely end up with a great crew of vendors who know each other and work well together.

Budgets suck



Believe me when I say this... You are preaching to the choir! Cost of living, interest rates etc. has made it hard to be alive and feel like you're living and that's without planning your dream wedding. I'm a huge proponent of not sending yourself broke or starting out your married life in debt.

Work within your means and stick to your guns. Huge and extravagant doesn't mean good! Some of the best weddings I've ever been to have been simple, real and so heartfelt. Cut out unnecessary things that you feel you aren't happy with and make sure you're allocating the money you need to get your must have vendors.

Make sure you shop around for products for the the day and DIY as much as you can if the budget is getting squeezed. This always adds a personal element of achievement and attachment to the day that just can't be beaten! Make some cool stuff and be proud of it.

lastly, if you weren't aware, some venues will actually have weekday rates that differ from their weekend rates which can save you heaps! If you're worried about being that person with your wedding on a weekday, if your friends love you enough, they'll be there and won't whinge.



LET'S TALK ELOPEMENTS

If the idea of standing up in front of stack of sets of eyes and saying your vows to one another doesn't tickle your fancy, there's an option for you! Elopements have taken on a bit of a different look in the last few decades if you haven't been watching... Eloping used to be an act of secrecy where you and your loved one would go to the local courthouse and get your certificate so it was all legal. Now days though, it can be an opportunity to live out your wildest dreams of what you want your wedding to look like! If you want to save money as well, this is an incredible way to get it done in style and keep the bank account intact.



It's all about timing

Create a detailed wedding timeline that breaks down tasks by month and week. Your photographer is a great resource and if they're worth their salt will help you map the day out. Wedding planners are also incredible at what they do and can be a huge help in organising your day.

As a photographer, there's a few things I'd love to share with you about this...

1: Time your ceremony so that it leaves you feeling like you've got time on your hands. You're better to have a little too much time than not enough and it can change the feel of the day dramatically if all of a sudden you have to hustle through the day and only get a chance to relax at the reception.

2: Get your media creatives a meal at the same time as the bridal table! Sunset photos are what most people love. That time of day when the light is right, the photographer is stoked and the photos turn out incredible. This can often fall right around dinner time so having an opportunity to eat that means nothing later on in the night will get missed is crucial!

THAT DREADED GUEST LIST

*It is actually
up to you*



Anyone who has had anything to do with planning a wedding will tell you that creating the guest list is one of the hardest things you will come across. It was the case for my wife and me and many others!

It's so important to be able to provide yourself with a bit of grace in this point of planning and remember that it is actually YOUR wedding and you have the right to make whatever decision will suit you and your day best. Make sure that you open a clear line of communication with family and make sure they're aware of your choice to navigate the guest list yourself and of the complications that you may face.



TRADITION ISN'T ACTUALLY DEAD

Integrating cultural and religious traditions into your wedding celebration is a beautiful way to honor your heritage and create a meaningful and authentic experience. Begin by researching and discussing the traditions that hold personal significance for you and your families. Prioritize those that resonate the most, as trying to incorporate too many might dilute the impact. As you plan, find creative ways to blend these customs seamlessly, allowing them to complement each other while maintaining the overall flow of the event. Consider hosting separate ceremonies or rituals for each tradition, showcasing the diversity of your backgrounds.

Additionally, take the time to educate your guests about the significance of these traditions, whether through program notes, signage, or explanations during the ceremony. Collaborate with an officiant or cultural advisor who can provide insights and guidance on how to authentically incorporate these practices. By embracing your cultural and religious heritage in a thoughtful manner, you'll not only make your wedding day uniquely yours but also share the richness of your backgrounds with your loved ones, fostering understanding and appreciation for your shared journey.



I hope it rains...

OBVIOUSLY I'M KIDDING

Planning for weather and logistics is a crucial aspect of ensuring a smooth wedding day experience.

While outdoor weddings can be absolutely enchanting, it's essential to have a contingency plan in place to handle any unexpected weather changes. Begin by selecting a venue that offers both outdoor and indoor options, so you can seamlessly transition if needed. Communicate openly with your vendors about the backup plan, ensuring that they are prepared for different scenarios. Having clear signage and staff to guide guests to alternative spaces can help manage any last-minute changes.

It's important to remember that bad weather doesn't have to equate to a ruined day. With the right mindset and a positive outlook, inclement weather can actually add a unique charm to your wedding and create memorable moments. Embrace the romance of rain or the coziness of an indoor setting, and trust that your guests are there to celebrate your love regardless of the weather. Provide comfortable and weather-appropriate accommodations for your guests, such as umbrellas or blankets, to ensure their comfort throughout the event. Remember, it's the shared joy and connection that truly make the day special, and with thoughtful planning and a flexible attitude, you can navigate any weather challenges with grace and create a wedding day that's both magical and memorable.

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STRESS LESS

LOVE MORE

That was just a quick intermission for an important reminder

**THERE'S A FINITE AMOUNT OF
DAYS IN A YEAR...**

Securing the ideal venue and vendors for your wedding requires a proactive and strategic approach. Begin by setting a clear wedding date or a range of dates that works for you and your partner. With these dates in mind, start your venue search well in advance, considering a variety of options that align with your desired theme and location. Flexibility is key; if your dream venue is booked, be open to exploring alternatives that capture the same ambiance or charm. When it comes to vendors, prioritize those who are essential to your vision, such as photographers, caterers, and entertainment. Research and reach out to potential vendors as soon as possible, providing them with your wedding date and details. It's advisable to have a list of preferred vendors for each category in case your first choices are unavailable. Booking vendors early not only secures their services but also allows you ample time for collaboration and planning.

In the event that your top choices are already booked on your preferred date, consider adjusting your timeline. Weekdays or different seasons might offer more availability. Keep in mind that the availability of venues and vendors can vary based on location and popular wedding seasons. Be prepared to make decisions promptly once you find available options that align with your vision.

Remember, while securing your first-choice venue and vendors is ideal, what truly matters is the celebration of your love surrounded by your loved ones. Remaining open-minded and adaptable throughout the process will ultimately lead to a beautiful and memorable wedding day, regardless of the specific choices you make.

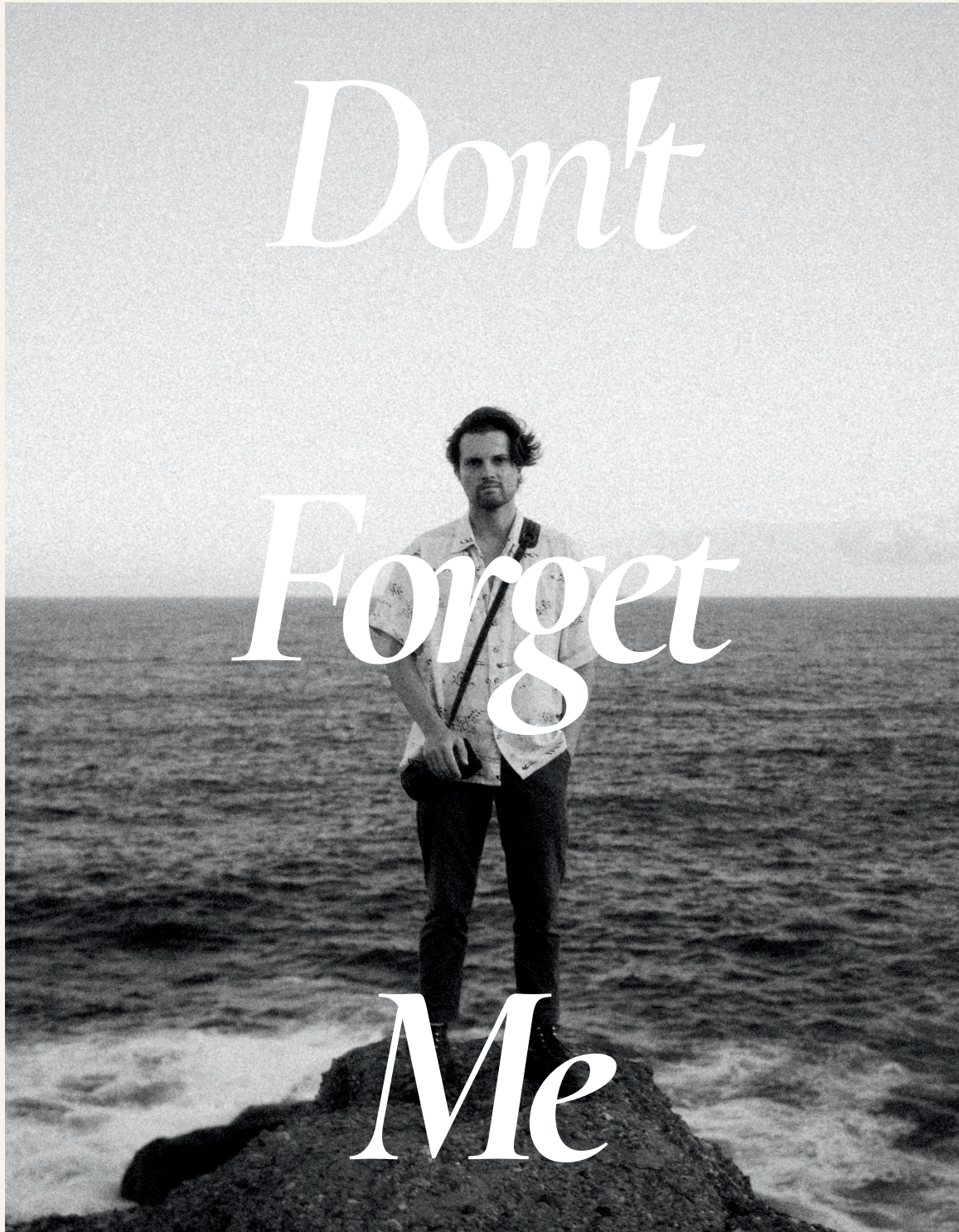




Wrap it up

Create unforgettable wedding day memories by planning for relaxation and enjoyment. Craft a detailed schedule that allocates time for self-care and relaxation amidst the excitement. Entrust key responsibilities to your wedding party or a designated coordinator to handle any unexpected issues, ensuring that you and your loved ones can fully immerse yourselves in the joy of the day. By prioritising your well-being and entrusting the execution to capable hands, you can savour every moment of your wedding day, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, your wedding day is a culmination of your love story, and your presence and happiness are the greatest gifts you can give yourselves and your guests. So, let go of stress, be present in each moment, and embrace the magic of the day you've worked so hard to create.



Always remember that if there's any problem you have, it's never too big or too small! I care about you and I'm invested in making sure your day is the absolute best it can be. Shoot me an email, send me a text or give me a call and we can chat about it and get your mind at ease.

Alex

