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YOUR WEDDING TIMELINE

I am of the mindset that the more you do sooner, the more relaxed you will be later -- closer to your wedding. Therefore, you determine what your personal schedule can handle and we will go from there.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

- First, you must determine the style and formality of your wedding.
- Second, determine your guest count, as that affects your overall budget and could prevent you from utilizing certain facilities and services.
- Third, put together a budget.
- Fourth, prioritize what is most important to you and spend your money in those areas. Other, less important items can be scaled down or eliminated altogether.

PRIORITY/PHASE ONE -

Note: It is important that you secure vendors, services and sites that only do one or two weddings a day or weekend. Also, if you have your heart set on a particular service or vendor, get on their calendars immediately, even if they do multiple weddings in a weekend.

Wedding Site
Reception Site
Officiant
Photographer
Videographer
Ceremony Musicians
Reception Entertainment

Wedding Dress, Hairpiece and veil.

- These items dictate the style of the event.
- The dress should be selected and ordered **as soon as possible**, but **NO LATER** than 6 months ahead of time, to allow for numerous fittings and possibly a Bridal Portrait.
- NOTE: Most dresses are made after an order is placed.

Bridesmaids Dresses
Save the Date Notices
Make-Up/Hair Consultant or make appointments at your favorite salon.

PHASE TWO -

Caterer
Floral Designer
Cake
Rental Equipment critical to event, such as tents, tables, chairs and linens
Bride & Groom Transportation – especially if you are interested in a specialty car
Bridal Party Transportation

Calligrapher

Invitations and other printed products.

- If you purchase invitations from a shop, it could take a couple of weeks.
- If you buy through a catalog, the wait could be longer.
- Make sure you have plenty of time for calligraphy and assembly.
- Response deadline should be more than two weeks before catering final numbers are due.
- Generally, invitations should be sent one to two months before the date of the response deadline, depending on the distance and difficulty of travel.

PHASE THREE -

Honeymoon

Wedding Night accommodations

Rehearsal Dinner Site, Caterer, Decorations, etc.

Guest Hotel Blocks

Guest Transportation

Non-Essential Rental Equipment (Unity candle, candelabras, cake plateau, etc.)

Security

Guest Parking/Valet

OTHER ITEMS -

Start looking for these items whenever you have a moment or are shopping for other wedding related items. Know what you want and want to spend, so that you can include that amount initially in your budget.

Tuxedos

- If your wedding is in a busy Prom or Wedding Season, you may want to make this a higher priority.
- Allow enough time for out-of-town groomsmen to have their measurements done, mailed back and submitted.

Alcohol

Gift Registry

Gifts for one another

Bridal Accessories

Attendants Accessories

Attendants Gifts

Favors

Guest Gift Bags

AND DON'T FORGET

Wedding Rings

Marriage License