

Congratulations on your engagement!

Now the fun of wedding planning begins.

Planning a wedding is one of the most exciting, yet overwhelming, things you'll ever do. Trust me, I get it—I've been there. That's why I've created this ultimate wedding planning checklist, so you can focus on enjoying every moment of this beautiful journey and leave the stress behind.

This checklist covers every step of the way, from choosing the perfect venue to the last-minute details you don't want to forget (yes, even the ones that sneak up on you when you least expect them).

I've broken it all down into manageable tasks so that you can confidently check each one off and keep everything on track.

Let's dive into your dream wedding, step by step:

12 Months Before the Wedding

Set Your Wedding Budget

I know, it's not the most glamorous part, but it's *so* important to figure out your budget upfront. This will guide all the fun decisions later!

• Draft Your Guest List

Start thinking about who you want by your side on your big day. Don't worry if the list changes; this is just a starting point.

Choose Your Wedding Date

Do you want a spring wedding with blooming flowers or a cozy winter ceremony? Start narrowing down potential dates.

Book Your Venue

The venue will set the tone for your entire wedding, so lock it in early. Once this is done, everything else starts falling into place.

• **Hire a Wedding Planner** (if needed)

If you know you'll need an extra set of hands, now's the time to find a wedding planner. They'll be your best friend through this process! You can book a free consulting to see if we can work together here

https://eventsbymide.com/consulting

9-12 Months Before the Wedding

Choose Your Wedding Party

Ask your bridesmaids, groomsmen, and flower girl to be part of your celebration! This is such a fun milestone.

Start Dress Shopping

It's time to start the search for *the* dress. Give yourself plenty of time for fittings and alterations, and try different styles—you might be surprised by what you fall in love with!

• Book Your Photographer & Videographer

These are the people who will capture every moment, so choose someone whose style you adore. Think candid, romantic, dramatic—whatever suits your vibe.

• Select Your Wedding Theme & Colors

Whether you're dreaming of a beach wedding, modern minimalism, modern, rustic romantic or a fairy tale wedding, now's the time to nail down your theme and color palette.

Book Your Caterer & Schedule a Tasting

One of the perks of wedding planning: the food! Schedule tastings to

decide on the perfect menu for your guests. My company can help you manage your caterer. Click here for a free consulting >

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6-9 Months Before the Wedding

Send Save-the-Dates

It's time to officially tell your guests when and where they need to be!

These can be simple, but make sure they fit your style.

Book Your Entertainment

Secure your DJ, band, or other entertainment. A good playlist will have everyone dancing the night away!

Order Your Wedding Cake

Set up some cake tastings (another fun part of planning!), and decide on a design that reflects your wedding's style.

• Shop for Bridesmaids Dresses

Time for your girls to start dress shopping. Make sure they have enough time for any needed alterations!

• Finalize Your Honeymoon Plans

Whether it's a beach or an international adventure, book your post-wedding getaway.

3-6 Months Before the Wedding

Order Wedding Invitations

Time to design your wedding invites. Make sure they match your theme and are ready to send out soon!

Book Hair & Makeup Artists

Schedule trials and choose a look that makes you feel like the best version of yourself.

Final Dress Fitting

Your dress is almost ready! Have your final fitting and make any last-minute adjustments so it's perfect for the day.

Buy Wedding Rings

Now's the time to shop for the rings you'll wear forever. Make it fun and meaningful by picking rings that represent your love.

• Create Your Wedding Website

This is where you can share all the important details with your guests, like RSVPs, schedules, and any travel info. One tool you can use is www.withjoy.com

1-3 Months Before the Wedding

Send Out Invitations

It's time to send out your beautiful invitations! Make sure you have enough time for guests to RSVP.

Confirm All Vendors

Double-check with your photographer, caterer and everyone else to make sure they're ready and know the plan.

Arrange Wedding Day Transportation

Plan how you, your wedding party, and guests will get to and from the venue.

Create a Seating Chart

Once you have your RSVPs, it's time to map out where everyone will sit.

This can be tricky, but don't stress—keep it simple!

1-4 Weeks Before the Wedding

Final Dress Fitting

Try on your dress one last time to make sure it's perfect for the big day.

Confirm Final Headcount

Share the final guest list with your caterer and venue, so they can make any adjustments.

Prepare Your Wedding Day Emergency Kit

Fill a small bag with essentials like safety pins, mints, tissues, and touch-up makeup—anything you might need in a pinch.

Pack for Your Honeymoon

Start gathering everything you need for your honeymoon! Think ahead so you're not rushing to pack right before the wedding.

The Week of the Wedding

Take Some Time to Relax

Get a massage, hit the spa, or just take a day to unwind and enjoy the calm before the festivities.

Confirm the Timeline with Vendors

Ensure everyone knows the schedule so the day runs smoothly.

• Rehearsal Dinner

Enjoy an intimate evening with your closest friends and family before the big day. It's the perfect way to kick off your wedding celebrations!

Lay Out Your Wedding Day Outfit

Have everything ready to go the night before—your dress, shoes, jewelry, and any sentimental items.

Wedding Day

• Soak it All In

It's your wedding day, baby girl! Take a deep breath, enjoy the moments, and celebrate this new chapter of your life with your loved ones. You've planned it all, and now it's time to enjoy the magic of your special day.

What next?

Ready to Plan Your Dream Wedding?

Let's be real: planning a wedding is **stressful**, and no one tells you just how

much time, energy, and emotional toll it can take.

You're trying to create this once-in-a-lifetime day, but every decision feels

huge—what if the venue falls through? Or that florist you've been eyeing is

already booked?

And don't even get me started on balancing everyone's opinions while staying

true to your vision.

The truth is, the endless calls with vendors, managing budgets, and making sure

every detail lines up perfectly can take the joy out of what should be the happiest

time of your life.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

As a wedding planner, I've seen it all—brides and grooms stressed out to the

point where they barely recognize themselves.

The excitement fades, and suddenly, the day you've dreamed about feels like a

giant checklist you're just trying to survive.

That's really not how it should feel.

Anyways, this is where I come in.

My name is Mrs. Mide Abass

I help wanna-be couples—just like you—create their dream wedding without the overwhelm.

I'll guide you through the planning process, handle the tough stuff, and make sure your day is *exactly* what you've always envisioned.

Imagine having someone in your corner who knows the ins and outs of working with vendors, coordinating schedules, and making sure you don't have to deal with the last-minute chaos.

I take that weight off your shoulders, so you can focus on what matters most—celebrating your love.

So if you're feeling overwhelmed with the details, or you're unsure where to even begin, **let's chat**.

Book Your Free Wedding Planning Consultation

In this free consultation, we'll talk about your vision, your struggles, and how I can help make your wedding day everything you've dreamed of—and more. You don't have to do this alone.

Click below to book your <u>free wedding planning consultation</u> with me, and let's bring your dream day to life, stress-free.