

5 THINGS YOU MUST DO
BEFORE

PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



FROM YOUR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER

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WOOHOO, CONGRATULATIONS! YOU JUST GOT ENGAGED!



This is such an exciting time! Soak up every glorious second of it, and celebrate it as much as you can!

BUT there is a wedding to plan. And wedding planning can get a little overwhelming.

Panic not, that's where this guide comes in. **5 simple steps** in the right direction to planning the wedding of your dreams.



STEP ONE: WORK OUT YOUR NUMBERS

B is for BUDGET

I know, it's not the sexy side of wedding planning you came here for, sorry!

You are going to need to iron out this important detail though, because it will determine what sort of wedding you have.

Think about where the money is coming from – existing savings, family contributions, or do you need some time to save up?

PRO TIP: Work out what your absolute wedding dealbreakers are – is it the venue, food, music or photography – and budget accordingly for those things!



YOUR WEDDING BUDGET PLANNER

Once you start looking at this, it's easy to see how quickly things mount up. But don't despair, I've made you a handy budget planner on a Google Sheet and you can [save your own copy right here!](#)

	Budget	Cost	Deposit	Balance	Payment date	Supplier
Ceremony fees						
Venue cost						
Hair and make up						
Catering						
Music						



STEP TWO: CHOOSE YOUR VENUE



C is for (so many) CHOICES!

There are so many different types of wedding venue out there! From luxury country house venues, to working farms, to pubs, to marquees in the garden, the possibilities are pretty much endless!

Do you see yourself having a rustic country wedding with an outdoor ceremony (ya know, weather permitting!), or do you see yourselves on a beach, in a castle, or are you more inclined towards a city or smart country house?

PRO TIP: Most venues offer different rates at different times of the year, and for mid week weddings. So a Thursday in March will cost a lot less than a Saturday in August.



STEP THREE: MAKE A GUEST LIST

D is for DECISIVENESS

You have to do what feels right for you!
Putting your wedding guest list together can get a little political, and it can quickly spiral out of control.

Here are a few dos and don'ts to help you.



DO:

- Invite people you LOVE
- Consider your budget and venue
- Account for plus ones – or decide if you're not going to have them.
- Cut out people who don't support you or your other half

DON'T:

- Invite people you've lost touch with
- Let your parents add guests you've never met
- Feel obliged to invite kids (most parents will be happy to have a day off!)



STEP FOUR: GET CREATIVE!



E is for ENJOY this process!

It's time to plan the wedding that represents you both as a couple!

What's your priority? Are you foodies, really into your music or would you prefer to splurge on the flowers or photography? Maybe you want to go big on entertainment or perhaps you'd like feature length film?

There are A LOT of options out there, so make sure you're on the same page!

PRO TIP: Pinterest boards at the ready! Spend an evening together with a tipple of your choice creating the wedding vision board of your dreams.

Unsure where to start?
[Check my pinterest out.](#)



TIP FIVE: CREATE YOUR PLAN!



F is for it's supposed to be FUN!

So don't let it stress you out!

Check out this [wedding.planning.checklist](#) I wrote, and build your own plan to save you from stress later down the line!

You can plan a wedding in whatever timeline you want, just try not to do everything all at once!

PRO TIP: Don't ask for supplier recommendations in public facebook groups – you'll be absolutely inundated with replies and it will lead to overwhelm. Plus, would you really ask a stranger to plan your wedding for you?



OH HEY, IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU!



I'm Hannah and I have been happily putting camera shy couples at ease since 2018.

I've photographed over 160 weddings in that time, from elopements with just 2 witnesses to huge guest lists of 250+. Yep I've seen it all!

I hope you found this guide helpful, I'd absolutely love to know what resonated most.

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If you want more wedding tips, please head on over **to my blog**. And if you want a copy of my pricing guide – click the pink button!


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WHAT MY COUPLES SAY



"The photos Hannah took exceeded all my expectations, we are completely in love with them! Book Hannah for your wedding photographer – it will be the best decision you make"

Hannah & Kristian



"We've had so many compliments about how lovely Hannah was and how fun she made it and we honestly think this shines through in our photographs"

Becky & Robin

I was nervous about being photographed, but Hannah made it feel easy and even fun. I couldn't recommend her more highly – a total pro and a truly cherished part of our day. I wish we could hang out all over again!

Sarah & Will

