

Wedding Do's and Dont's

DO.....

1. Establish a timeline. Set target dates to accomplish specific tasks as you would any large work project. If you give yourself plenty of time to prepare you will avoid feeling stressed.
2. Have a budget. Establish a realistic budget and stick to it.
3. Get everything in writing. People forget, prices change.
4. Consult your partner on the major decisions. It's his or her day too!
5. Stay Organized. Maintain a wedding binder, use dividers, keep track of all expenses. Hold on to all contracts, written material and receipts. You'll feel more in control and worry less.
6. Keep track of all appointments. Be polite. If you can't make it or decide against that vendor, be sure to give them a courtesy call so they are not waiting on you
7. Delegate. Give tasks to trusty friends and family and trust them to take care of it. If you can afford a wedding coordinator, use one.
8. Stay flexible. The little things won't matter years from now.
9. Have fun. The planning is done. The day is here. Now kick back and enjoy this special day with your family and friends !

DON'T...

1. Procrastinate. Give yourself small tasks to accomplish and get them done.
2. Be a perfectionist. There are sure to be some things along the way that don't go as expected ...if you accept that, then you won't be as bothered about them.
3. Rush. Select vendors carefully and ask for references. Get your agreements in writing and do reminder calls.
4. Go for the cheapest. You get what you pay for.
5. Hire the first professional you meet. Check out several for comparison
6. Invite everyone you know unless you know you can afford it. Weddings can get expensive.
7. Spend all your time greeting guests. Tell them to meet you on the dance floor. You can talk and dance there!

