

PLANNING TIPS

There are so many different facets of wedding planning. In this tips sheet, I aim to give you some insight into each area of planning for your wedding day. If you need additional support and advice in any area, hop into the Facebook group to ask a question and get some feedback!

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HIRING VENDORS

- **Forget what the wedding blogs will tell you about a timeline to hire certain vendors.** Many wedding vendors are small businesses that only book 1 wedding per date, so it's best to start the booking process in order of priority for you. For example, you may have your heart set on 1-2 bands or a makeup artist you've always dreamt of hiring. Do not wait to contact those vendors and go to contract with them. If you are more flexible with what caterer you hire, you can afford to buy yourself a little time in shopping around. I recommend booking all vendors at least 8 months out to avoid frustration with hearing back from many vendors that are already booked up.
- **I recommend asking these key questions before going to contract with any vendor:**

 - How many years have you been in business?
 - Do you run this business full-time? (side note: it's ok if not! But this often will explain the price point and level of service you receive in return).
 - How many wedding clients do you take on each year?
 - What types of clientele are typically drawn to working with you?
 - What do you love most about weddings?
 - What are some things that make you different from others in your field of work?

color palette

PRIMARY PALETTE

Blues: navies, dusty blues, blue-greys

Neutrals: whites and off-whites

Greens: natural, lush greenery



This page is your color palette. Use your mood board to determine a consistent color theme and develop a color palette from that. Within the colors, be sure to select a few shades. This will give your design more cohesion and flexibility.

I recommend bookmarking the [Benjamin Moore](#) website to search for colors. Click on a color family that you're drawn to, click on any color swatch of a specific shade you like, and then click the "Share" icon and the paint swatch icon like the ones shown here. Right click to copy and paste it to your board.

ACCENT COLORS

Dark Woods: rich wood tones found in the chairs, banisters, etc.
Red Wine: pops of deep red wine during cocktail reception
Metals: pops of copper metallics throughout



WEDDING TIMELINE

[REHEARSAL DATE]

[TIME] Ceremony Rehearsal at [VENUE]
5:00

Plan for a full hour. Note any parking considerations.

[TIME] Rehearsal dinner at [VENUE]
6:30

Consider travel time in between. Note any parking considerations. Some couples opt to have gifts at the rehearsal dinner (wedding party and family).

[WEDDING DATE]

[TIME] Breakfast and morning plans for [PARTNER 1] and attendants:
8:30

[TIME] Breakfast and morning plans for [PARTNER 2] and attendants:
8:30

Be sure to ask your wedding party to coordinate for breakfast and lunch plans for the day! Make sure to note those plans here. It's so important to eat and stay hydrated. If hair and makeup is taking place, ask your attendants to arrive 15 - 30 minutes before the first service is scheduled to begin.

[TIME] *FOR BRIDES:* Hair and makeup services
9 - 1

SCHEDULE:

9 - 9:30 Attendant #1 Hair
Attendant #2 Makeup