



## Congratulations!

You are engaged, and about to start planning your wedding.

There are so many decisions you will have to make, from deciding on the date to inviting your guests, from the flowers to the wedding transportation, from the choice of venue to the style of photographer.

Before you start planning your wedding, consider the following. It may make the planning process easier for you.

- Send out a “keep the date” note to those who you would like to be with you on your special day – to enable you to decide when you want to get married
- Decide on the type of ceremony you would like – religious or civil, traditional or individual, with or without children
- Agree your budget. With the average wedding costing around £19,500, you need to know who will be paying for what. If your parents are paying for the wedding, you may have to re-evaluate your plans to accommodate their feelings and wishes for the day – this may also have an impact on the guest list
- Consider family and friends who may be able to help with certain aspects of your wedding planning – do you know a florist or photographer who would be willing to offer their services – either to include key people in your special day, or simply to keep the budget manageable
- Do you need to employ the services of a professional wedding planner. A wedding planner can help you with the elements you do not have either the time, or perhaps the knowledge, to consider. Your wedding planner can help with the overall design of your wedding, or simply offer advice on particular elements, whatever your needs dictate. On the day, your wedding planner can alleviate the stress by overseeing all the planned elements, ensuring everything is in place, giving you the peace of mind to enjoy your day
- Above all, be willing to compromise. When planning a wedding there are often a number of people who’s ideas and beliefs should be taken into account – remember, you may need their help and you certainly want to have a happy day that you, your family and your guests will remember for years to come

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