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Helpful Tips
for
the bride to be




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He asked &
you
said YES!

Where to start?

Decide on your perfect wedding, remember what the day is all about, spending time with friends and family to celebrate your special day.

Why not sit down quietly with your partner and decide which elements are most important to your day and which are less important. Do you want a large lavish wedding or are you happier to have a smaller less formal event with close family and friends. Check that your ideas of the perfect wedding day are similar and try to iron out any problems in what you both feel at this stage before involving others in your discussion!

You will then both feel more in control when you talk with your family about the day you are planning and will not get bulldozed into someone else's dream wedding!



Start keeping a planner or scrap book full of ideas you like. This can cover ideas for the perfect dress, type of venue, style & type of flowers you like...

Keep your book with you so you can add ideas to build up a perfect image of the day you would love.



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When & Where

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When?
Perhaps there is a day which has a particular significance to you, do you need to have a wedding on a weekend or can you consider a Thursday, Friday or Sunday wedding.

Many venues may offer special deals on certain days & are happy to negotiate more favourable terms.

Seasons can also make a difference to the availability and cost of your wedding venue, June and September tend to be booked a long way in advance but you may find some flexibility during the winter and early spring months.

Where?

You will then have to look at the dates you have in mind and then look at the venue you would like, the church or ceremony for the service as well as dates that key members of your wedding party are available.

Things to consider when choosing your wedding date

1. Is the venue available?
2. Is the registrar available?
3. How long will it take you to save up?
4. Can you be flexible?

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You will probably have an idea of your dream wedding already, with imagination you can create a wonderful wedding on almost any budget. Your day should be unique to the two of you and reflect your personalities, you want you guests to go away thinking that it was truly 'your day'.

Go back to your list of wedding priorities to help choose



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Choosing your style of wedding

Traditional

Most popular wedding style, with a ceremony followed by drinks reception and a meal in the late afternoon followed by a party with dancing to a live band or DJ.

Informal

Informal wedding styles often start with a civil ceremony followed by an informal buffet reception or cocktail party going on into the late afternoon – guests usually depart in the early evening.

The Weekend Wedding

This option is becoming increasingly popular with guests arriving on the Friday evening, the wedding taking place on the Saturday with a traditional reception and then everyone meeting up again on the Sunday for breakfast or BBQ before heading away.



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Spring Wedding

If you get married in Spring your colour themes can range from pinks lilacs and greens, these can be bright shades or more subdued colours. The weather will still be changing so plan to be indoors but make the most of light evenings so choose a venue with lots of windows!

Summer Wedding

Pastels are popular for summer weddings, as they help you look cool on a hot summers day. Use materials within your decorations such as bunting or voile which can flutter in the breeze. You can't always rely on the weather so choose a venue which will be nice indoors as well as out, perhaps a conservatory with big doors or a marquee with open sides. Make the most of your outdoor space and decorate with lanterns, and hang decorations from the trees for a magical summer wedding look.

Autumn Wedding

Incorporate all the beautiful autumnal colours into your day, dark orange, shades of gold and aubergine will look stunning. As the evenings draw in at this time of year add a romantic touch to your venue by adding candles and lanterns.

Winter Wedding

Rich reds and golds are a popular choice for winter weddings, as are bright whites. If your wedding is near Christmas tie your décor into this, using berries, twigs, ivy & fairy lights. Christmas decorations can be very cost effective when bought in bulk and look stunning in bowls or vases around the room.

Which season?



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