



You're Engaged Now What?

## 7 Things You Can Do To Kick Start Wedding Planning

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## You just got engaged! Congratulations!

Getting engaged is so exciting and is a special time of your life.

Now that the initial shock and checking your hand every minute to make sure this is real life has set in you may be feeling overwhelmed. But don't worry, we've got you!

The following are a few tips to help ease the where the heck do I start feeling. Enjoy!



So, where should you start? Well, the first thing you need to do (if you haven't already) is....

### **1. Make the Announcement**

Be sure to tell all close family and friends personally or pick up the phone. You don't want your parents to find out on Facebook! Social Media only after the most important people in your life.

## 2. Set your budget

Talk about your wedding budget together.

A HUGE element when planning your wedding is how you're going to pay for everything. Nail down a budget before signing contracts for vendors. You will have a better grasp on what is a priority for you and what is simply out of reach.

## 3. Look for inspo

Immerse yourself in beautiful photos of other couples' big days. Don't copy, but find some insight. Every couple is uniquely special.

Talk about your wedding dreams with your partner. What is most important to you as a couple? The experience, the entertainment, the dress, the food, etc.



## 4. Start your guest list

This is the number one element that will affect almost everything. It will alter the number of tables, chairs, sashes, china sets, centerpieces, favours, etc.

The best way to control your budget is to control your guest list.

## 5. Get professional engagement photos.

Doing this can serve a few purposes:

- To have beautiful photos to add to your wedding invitations.
- A trial run with your photographer before your big day to get to know them better and get comfortable in front of the camera.
- This is also a fantastic time to get a hair & makeup trial!



## 6. Get a wedding planner

No, not a wedding planner person—at least not yet. Get an iPhone app, a datebook, a calendar, or some other kind of keep-organized device to help you create a timeline for major wedding-related tasks. While you're at it, pick up a wedding-planning binder to keep all those inspirational ideas you found in step 3.

## 7. Relax and Have Fun!

Take time to relax—get a massage, sleep in when you can. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event purely about you and your fiancé.

*You are allowed to enjoy it!*

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