



Perfect
wedding

HOW TO PLAN A WEDDING



WHAT TO
DO AND
WHEN TO
DO IT!



SET YOUR BUDGET, CHOOSE YOUR
WEDDING PARTY, FIND A VENUE... & MORE!



THE ULTIMATE W-DAY PLANNER

SAY 'GOODBYE' TO WEDSTRESS BY TICKING OFF EACH OF THESE PLANNING TASKS



ISTOCK

18 MONTHS TO GO...

- CELEBRATE YOUR ENGAGEMENT!
- DECIDE ON YOUR WEDDING BUDGET AND SET UP A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.
- TALK TO YOUR MARRIED FRIENDS AND GET RECOMMENDATIONS.
- START RESEARCHING VENDORS.
- DECIDE ON A BALLPARK DATE.
- CHOOSE THE TYPE OF CEREMONY YOU'D LIKE.
- RESEARCH SOME VENUES AND BOOK IN APPOINTMENTS.

14 MONTHS

- Compile a rough guest list to get an idea of numbers.
- Choose your venue, fix your date and book your venue.
- Start a Pinterest board and begin to gather inspo.
- Start stockpiling wedding magazines (ahem) and mark things you like.
- Get wedding insurance.



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12 MONTHS

- PHOTOGRAPHERS OFTEN GET BOOKED UP EARLY SO BOOK YOURS IN NOW IF YOU CAN.
- CHOOSE YOUR BRIDAL PARTY – HELLO #SQUADGOALS!
- START LOOKING AT WEDDING DRESSES, DECIDE WHAT YOU LIKE AND BOOK IN SOME BOUTIQUE APPOINTMENTS.
- BOOK THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR DAY – YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY OFFICIANT.
- BOOK YOUR CATERERS AND DECIDE ON YOUR MENU (CUE LOTS OF TASTING).
- ARRANGE A MARQUEE IF NEEDED.

9 MONTHS

- Now it's time to for the fun bits! Book your band (and any other entertainment you're planning), your cake, your flowers and your videographer if you're having one.
- You need to allow at least six months for a made-to-measure wedding dress so order it now. He should start suit shopping too.
- Order your wedding stationery and buy or start making your wedding favours and decorations.
- Start planning your honeymoon and begin talking to travel agents.



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WESTON PARK

6 MONTHS

- Choose and order your bridesmaid dresses and groomsmen suits.
- Discuss your readings and song choices for the ceremony with your officiant.
- Start choosing gifts for your bridal party and any helpers.
- Send out your save the dates!
- Book your wedding hair and make-up appointments.
- Book your first night accommodation.
- Compile your gift list.
- If you're changing your name and want to use it on honeymoon, renew your passport now!



PRONOVIAS

3 MONTHS

- GO FOR YOUR HAIR AND MAKE-UP TRIALS.
- BUY YOUR WEDDING RINGS (SQUEAL!).
- BUY YOUR WEDDING SHOES, LINGERIE AND ACCESSORIES.
- DISCUSS YOUR HEN AND STAG NIGHTS WITH YOUR BRIDAL PARTY.
- CREATE A SEATING PLAN.
- SEND OUT YOUR WEDDING INVITATIONS.
- BOOK YOUR HONEYMOON.



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1 MONTH

- Write your wedding vows.
- Have a final dress fitting with all your accessories and see if there are any tweaks needed.
- Organise place cards.
- Chase any RSVP stragglers (there's always one).
- Run through duties with your bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Discuss your playlist with your band/DJ.



GLITZY SECRETS

EMMY LONDON

2 MONTHS

- Once the RSVPs start rolling in finalise your menu and seating plan.
- Book any extra beauty treatments you fancy (nails, fake tan, lash extensions etc).
- If you're having one, confirm your register office booking.

2 WEEKS

- Pack your honeymoon suitcase (woo hoo!)
- Get a final cut and colour for your hair.
- Have a facial (go on your deserve it).

1 WEEK

- CONFIRM TIMES AND LOCATIONS WITH ALL YOUR VENDORS.
- WRAP YOUR THANK YOU PRESENTS.
- ARRANGE ANY DELIVERIES AND FINAL PAYMENTS.
- PACK UP AND PREP YOUR WEDDING DECORATIONS.
- COLLECT YOUR DRESS.

**THE
BIG DAY!**



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CEREMONY 101

WE ALL LOVE DRESSES, CAKES AND FAVOURS, BUT REALLY A W-DAY IS ALL ABOUT THE CEREMONY... HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING HITCHED...

THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- You and your fiancé must be at least 16 to be legally married. However, if either of you is under 18 then you must have parent or guardian's permission.
- You must not be closely related to each other and you must be free to marry.
- As of 29th March 2014 it is legal for same sex couples to marry in England and Wales. Existing civil partnerships can also be converted to marriages.
- The marriage must take place in legal premises, such as a religious or licensed setting – check these with your venue.
- The marriage must take place in the presence of a registrar or official.
- Planning on eloping? Two witnesses, who are old enough to understand the ceremony, must be present.

IMPORTANT THINGS

YOU NEED TO DO NOW!

GIVE NOTICE

For civil ceremonies this is a legal requirement which formalises your intent to marry. It must be completed 28 days before your ceremony so book it in – [visit gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for more details.

DECIDE ON YOUR NEW SURNAME

Will you be taking your other half's surname? Or perhaps you want to keep your own or maybe double barrel? Discuss and decide now.

CHECK YOUR PASSPORT

Make sure it is valid for your honeymoon and if you want to travel under your new name you'd better send it off soon as it can take up to three weeks to be processed.



CEREMONY SOS CEREMONY SOS CEREMONY SOS

1 I want to write my own vows – how do I start?

Have a read through traditional vows from all the various religions and pick and mix the bits you like. Have a look at old love quotes for inspiration and remember to write them for your partner – not for the crowd. Keep revising and re-reading your drafts, and edit to keep them short and sweet. Practice reading your vows out loud in case there are any words that you're likely to stumble over. Keep your vows focused on your partner – now is not the time to start thanking other guests for their help in organising your big day!

2 What are wedding banns?

Banns are an announcement in church of your intention to marry

your other half and are a legal requirement for Church of England marriages. They will be read for three Sundays during the three months before your big day, if you get a chance do pop along to your church to hear them being read! Publication of banns costs £27 and your certificate of banns costs £13, so make sure you factor them into your budget.

3 How do I avoid crying through my ceremony?

There are a few tricks you can do to stop too many tears of joy. While you're walking down the aisle keep your head high to stop your throat closing and maybe give yourself a swift pinch to distract from the waterworks. If you're still worried keep a pretty hanky close by and find a waterproof mascara that actually works.

WEDDING READINGS FROM CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Pick a reading that really means something to you!

Extract from The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

“What is REAL?” asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?”
“Real isn't how you are made.”

Oh The Places You'll Go by Dr Seuss

Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!

Your Personal Penguin by Sandra Boynton

I like you a lot
You're funny and kind
So let me explain
What I have in mind.
I want to be Your Personal Penguin
I want to walk right by your side
I want to be Your Personal Penguin
I want to travel with you far and wide
Wherever you go, I'll go there too
Here and there and ev'rywhere
And always with you

To read these in full and for more readings from children's books visit planyourperfectwedding.com



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20 AMAZING WALKING OUT SONGS

1. Signed, sealed, delivered, I'm yours – **Stevie Wonder**
2. Don't stop believing – **Journey**
3. Lovely day – **Bill Withers**
4. You really got me going – **The Kinks**
5. Everlasting love – **Love Affair**
6. Mr Blue Sky – **Electric Light Orchestra**
7. I'm a believer – **The Monkees**
8. Walking on sunshine – **Katrina & the Waves**
9. 500 miles – **The Proclaimers**
10. You are the first, my last, my everything – **Barry White**
11. Don't stop me now – **Queen**
12. All you need is love – **The Beatles**
13. Good vibrations – **The Beach Boys**
14. It must be love – **Madness**
15. You and me song – **The Wannadies**
16. (Your love keeps lifting me) Higher and higher – **Jackie Wilson**
17. Beautiful day – **U2**
18. You've got the love – **Candi Staton**
19. Greatest day – **Take That**
20. You make my dreams come true – **Hall and Oates**

BABY GOT BACK *Gorgeous chair decorations to add some wow to your ceremony room*



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SAVE MONEY BY CHOOSING ONE VENUE FOR BOTH YOUR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

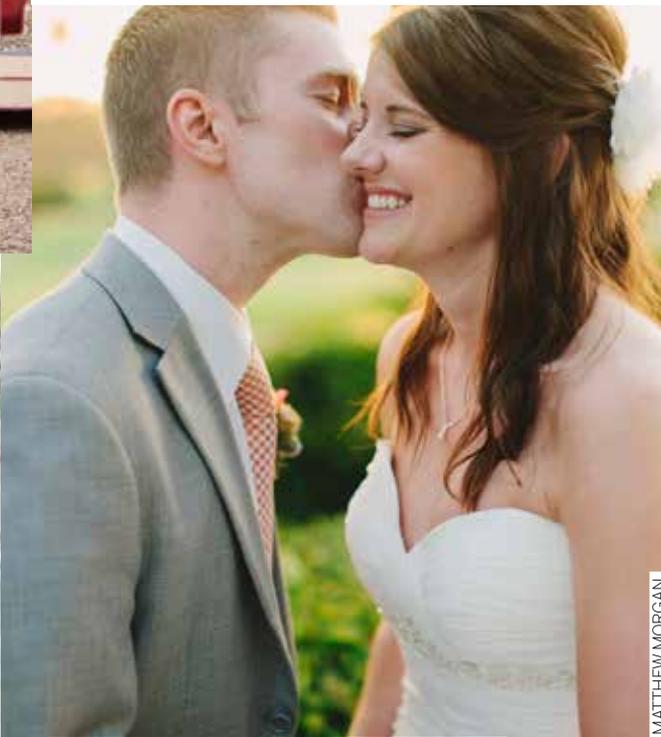
THE BEST BIG DAY BUDGET HACKS



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WANT TO SLIM DOWN YOUR WEDDING BUDGET? HERE ARE SOME EASY WAYS TO GET CUTTING!



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1 ASK AROUND

Already have married friends? Ask them about how they saved money, their favourite suppliers and what wasn't really worth the spend. You might be surprised at how much information you get.

2 CHOOSE ONE VENUE

Having a separate ceremony and reception venue can ramp up costs – particularly if you're getting different decorations and flowers for both, as well as organising transportation for your guests. Save yourselves the money and hassle by choosing one venue that does both.

3 FORGET THE GRAND ENTRANCE

Sure, it would be nice to arrive to your ceremony in a vintage Bentley, but truth-be-told, your guests will be seated inside and won't even see you drive up. Instead why not ask a family member with a nice car to give you a lift or even a luxe taxi will do the job!

4 PICK YOUR FAVOURITES

Decide straight away what your top three priorities are (for instance; venue, entertainment, dress) and commit to spending what you want on those – then find ways to save or compromise on everything else.

5 FORGET A SUMMER SATURDAY WEDDING

Most couples will choose a wedding date on a Saturday in the height of summer and vendors will charge more for these in-demand dates. If you want to make instant savings on your big day consider a winter wedding, or maybe even a Thursday, Friday or Sunday wedding to save a lot of money quickly. This is also a great idea for couples who don't want to wait years for their venue to become available!

6 HIT THE SAMPLE SALES

Got your heart set on a designer dress you can't afford? Bridal boutique sample sales are a great way to find beautiful gowns at lower prices. Just be aware that you will still need to pay for alterations and cleaning.

7 DON'T GO CRAZY ON FAVOURS

Most of the time they just get left on tables anyway. Pick something that you can make, or get cheaply. Or alternatively do away with favours altogether – your guests probably won't even notice!

8 GO GREEN

Instead of spending lots of money on exotic blooms, try using cheaper greenery (such as ivy and ferns) to create that botanical look, with just a few bold flower heads.

9 CUT THE GUEST LIST

It sounds brutal, but more guests means more mouths to feed, and a higher cost. If you're not sure about someone try bumping them to an evening-only invite to cut the main day catering bill.

10 DITCH THE FORMAL DINING

A three-course menu doesn't come cheap, so pick a venue or caterer with a less formal set-up. A picnic, BBQ or buffet-style wedding breakfast will help you save big and your guests will feel more relaxed – win, win!

11 SAY 'NO' TO MATCHING SUITS

Thinking of hiring or (eek!) buying matching suits for your husband-to-be's eight groomsmen? Not surprisingly the cost can quickly escalate. Why not ask them all to wear a suit they already own and buy matching ties or pocket squares for them all instead to bring the overall look together.

12 GO BIG

When deciding on your reception layout, opt for bigger tables instead of lots of small round ones. Bigger tables means fewer table centres and less tablecloths.

13 DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR A DISCOUNT

If you do decide to get married out of typical wedding season, or on an unusual day of the week, it's definitely worth asking all your vendors for discounts. If your suppliers are less in demand they may be able to help you out. After all, there's no harm in asking!

14 BEG, BORROW AND STEAL (WELL, MAYBE NOT STEAL)

Did your best mate wear a beautiful veil? Why not ask if you can borrow it? Is your sister's boyfriend a graphic designer? Ask him (nicely) if he'll help to design your stationery. You can save a lot by making use of the people and pieces you have around you.

SAVE MONEY BY OPTING FOR SIGNATURE COCKTAILS INSTEAD OF CHAMPAGNE



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NICK RAY



JULIA AND YOU

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A RECORD OF ALL YOUR W-DAY COSTS TO AVOID OVER-SPENDING

WEDDING BUDGET PLANNER

KEEP YOUR BIG DAY ON TRACK WITH OUR TOP TIPS AND HANDY PLANNER!



HIDDEN WEDDING COSTS

Don't feel the sting of these sneaky big day expenses

POSTAGE

You've managed to save by making your own save the dates, but you get a bit of a shock at the Post Office when you realise how much 100 first class stamps actually cost...

Top tip: Get your save the dates and invitations out early so you can use second class instead. Alternatively why not email your save the dates?

PLUS ONES

Be warned, plus one prices can quickly add up (particularly with catering). Make sure you do the maths and work out the maximum number of people you can invite.

Top tip: We suggest only inviting plus ones you've met before – seems fair, right?!

OVER TIME

Your band, your photographer and videographer will probably all be booked for a certain amount of time and if you overrun you could face additional charges for their time.

Top tip: Weddings usually take longer than you think so give yourselves plenty of time and always check your suppliers T&Cs.

CORKAGE

Many venues add a corkage charge if you supply your own wine/ champagne and the fee per bottle can be pretty steep. Alcoholic favours (such as mini whisky bottles) can also carry a charge.

Top tip: Always check corkage costs with your venue.

	AVERAGE	YOUR SPEND
Wedding venue and ceremony fees	£1,500	
Reception venue	£2,500	
Food and drink	£3,500	
Entertainment and décor	£1,000	
Photography	£1,500	
Cake	£500	
Flowers	£550	
Transport	£250	
Stationery	£300	
Favours/gifts	£400	
Wedding rings	£600	
Dress	£2,000	
Bride's accessories	£400	
Hair and make-up	£150	
Bridesmaids' outfits	£375	
Groom's outfit	£320	
Attendants' outfits	£250	
W-day insurance	£100	
Honeymoon	£4,000	
TOTAL	£20,195	

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OUR
BEST
ADVICE

DRESS

SHOPPING

MISTAKES!

MAKE YOUR WEDDING DRESS EXPERIENCE STRESS-FREE BY AVOIDING THESE NINE COMMON PITFALLS

1 BRINGING YOUR SCHOOL FRIENDS, YOUR MUM, YOUR NANA AND YOUR CAT

Okay, so this may be a bit of an exaggeration, but there are many brides who can't quite resist inviting everyone and anyone along on a shopping trip. Although this may seem like a good idea at the time (woo hoo! Party in the boutique!), too many voices can be overwhelming and make it all the more difficult to find a dress you love.

Bring along one or two close friends or family who you trust to give you an honest (yet positive!) opinion.

2 RIGID DRESS RULES

Look online and in magazines to get an idea of styles/designers you like, but don't go in with a strict list of dress rules. Chances are you won't have tried on a big white ballgown before, so you'll have no idea what sort of style might suit you. Trust the boutique assistant and be open to their suggestions. It never hurts to try a few wild cards on – you may end up finding your dress!

3 TRYING ON TOO MANY DRESSES

Too many options can cause lots of confusion. Resist trying on every dress in the shop and try to narrow it down to

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ALL OTHER IMAGES:
GETTY IMAGES

maybe five or six that you really love. Avoid visiting lots of boutiques all on one day or you may end up bursting into hysterical tears while struggling to get out of a corset.

4 TRYING ON DRESSES THAT ARE OVER BUDGET
Before you go dress shopping make sure you have a budget in mind. Don't try on dresses way over your price limit (just to see what they look like) or you may end up falling in love and either being forced to abandon your dream dress or take out a second mortgage.

5 FORGETTING ABOUT ALTERATION COSTS
Almost every dress will need some alterations and these usually aren't included in the price. Set aside about 20% of your budget just in case, and remember accessories, underwear and shoes need to be accounted for too!

6 ORDERING IN THE WRONG SIZE
Alterations can cost even more if you need to change the size. Many brides-to-be set themselves a goal weight for the wedding and forget about all that stress-snacking and late-night red wine drinking. Be realistic with your size goals and if in doubt just order for your current shape.

7 NOT BEING ABLE TO VISUALISE THE DRESS ON THE DAY
It really helps to come to your appointment equipped. That means styling your hair and doing a little make-up, bringing shoes that are the same height as the ones you plan to wear (although many boutiques will have shoes you can try with the dress) and wearing subtle or nude underwear. While you don't need to arrive in full bridal make-up, just a hint of how you will look on your wedding day will help you to visualise the potential of the dress. Avoid fake tan though!

8 BUYING THE WRONG DRESS FOR YOUR THEME
If you've planned a field wedding, a glamorous mermaid dress probably isn't for you. Make sure that you think about the setting of your big day and what your dress will look like in your chosen venue.

9 EXPECTING 'THE ONE' MOMENT
Most brides believe that they will instantly know when they find 'the one'. They'll put it on, feel like a princess and everyone else will fall about in floods of happy tears. Well, sometimes this happens, but more often than not it doesn't. Most brides-to-be will feel happy in their dress, love the style, but maybe have a few small tweaks in mind.

TRY DIFFERENT NECKLINES AND FIND THE PERFECT ONE TO SUIT YOU AND YOUR BIG DAY STYLE



SUZANNE NEVILLE



JESUS PEIRO



SOPHIA TOLLI



MIKAELLA

WEDDING DRESS LINGO

Be a dress expert in seconds with our jargon-busting neckline guide

BATEAU

Follows the curve of the collarbone to the tip of shoulders

ASYMMETRIC

A one-shoulder wedding gown.

SWEETHEART

Shaped like the top half of a heart around your bust.

ILLUSION

A neckline with detailing on sheer fabric.

QUEEN ANNE

High-rising collar at the back of neck that sculpts low across the chest

BARDOT

An off-the-shoulder wedding gown.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE!
ASK YOUR BRIDAL
PARTY FOR HELP

THE W-TEAM!

YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW, THAT PLANNING A WEDDING IS NOT A ONE WOMAN JOB. HERE'S HOW TO SHARE THE BIG DAY LOAD...

MAID OF HONOUR

Organising the hen do is the biggie for your chief bridesmaid, but there's lots more she can do. Enlist her help in choosing your dress, accessories and shoes, and ask her to coordinate bridesmaid dress appointments and hair and make-up trials. She probably knows lots of your friends and family too so she will be a massive help when it comes to sorting the dreaded table plan.

ON THE DAY... She'll keep you calm on your wedding morning and ensure things run smoothly – she'll even help you with all those tulle dress layers on toilet trips!

GROOM

Don't fall into the trap of only giving your groom fun jobs like choosing a band, tasting the wine and deciding on the tiers in your cheese tower – he doesn't get off that easy! If your husband-to-be is good at logistics, get him to draw up a list of potential venues based on criteria such as style, number of guests and location. He can sort his suit and the ushers outfits and come up with ideas for vows and ceremony readings too. If he likes cars, ask him to sort the travel (although it might be a good idea to set a budget!). The honeymoon's traditionally a big job for him so ask him to get booking and sort the accommodation for the wedding party while he's at it.

BRIDESMAIDS

Also known as your DIY angels, these girls are your secret weapon when it comes to making wedding details. Get them working conveyor-belt style on everything from jam jar decoration to bunting manufacture and watch your workload evaporate – all for the price of a few bottles of Sauvignon Blanc. If you trust their sense of style, delegate their dress shopping to them too – bridesmaids always look their best when they are comfortable. **ON THE DAY...** They'll shower you with compliments and walk down the aisle with you. They'll help with your veil and bouquet, and they'll always be on hand with a lipstick touch-up and a tissue for happy tears.



KATHERINE ASHDOWN



JONNY DRAPER

YOUR GIRLS WILL BE READY WITH THE BUBBLES ON YOUR WEDDING MORNING



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HAND OUT COPIES OF YOUR W-DAY PLAN SO EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE THEY SHOULD BE



JONNY DRAPER



STEVE GERRARD

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

Your mum will have plenty of opinions on everything you're doing, so harness that, erm, creative energy with a long list of jobs. She'll love taking charge of pretty details such as the cake, flowers and confetti (why not ask her to dry some petals for you to make your own natural confetti?) Handing over control can be difficult at first, but as long as she checks any major decisions with you it will be a real help.

ON THE DAY... Give her a list of the set family shots you want and ask her to help the photographer organise people into the family groups.

MOTHER OF THE GROOM

Mothers of the groom can often be wary of taking too big a role in the run-up to the wedding, but it's lovely to make them feel included – especially if they only have sons. If they're into cooking ask them to make some homemade favours (jam or chutney keeps well and guests love it) or get them on the hunt for wedding details such as guest books and table decorations.

ON THE DAY... Same as the MotB – just with his side of the family instead!

BEST MAN

As well as his speech and the stag, your best man can take on some key roles. Ask him to put together an evening playlist, as well as background music for your wedding breakfast. Fun tasks like organising the DIY photo booth and managing the bar could fall to him too!

ON THE DAY... He'll help to keep your groom calm in the morning and he'll organise the ushers. If there are any vendors who need paying on the day, he's a good one to leave the cash with.



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YOUR BEST MAN IS THERE TO HELP YOUR GROOM GET HIS BIG DAY DUTIES DONE

USHERS

If you aren't too bothered about all your ushers being matching ask them to choose their own suits. If you need any props or details to be transported in advance they're your guys.

ON THE DAY... Here's where the ushers really come into their own! They can put out decorations and flowers in the morning, assist with parking, show guests to their seats and organise group shots. You'll wonder what you'd do without them!

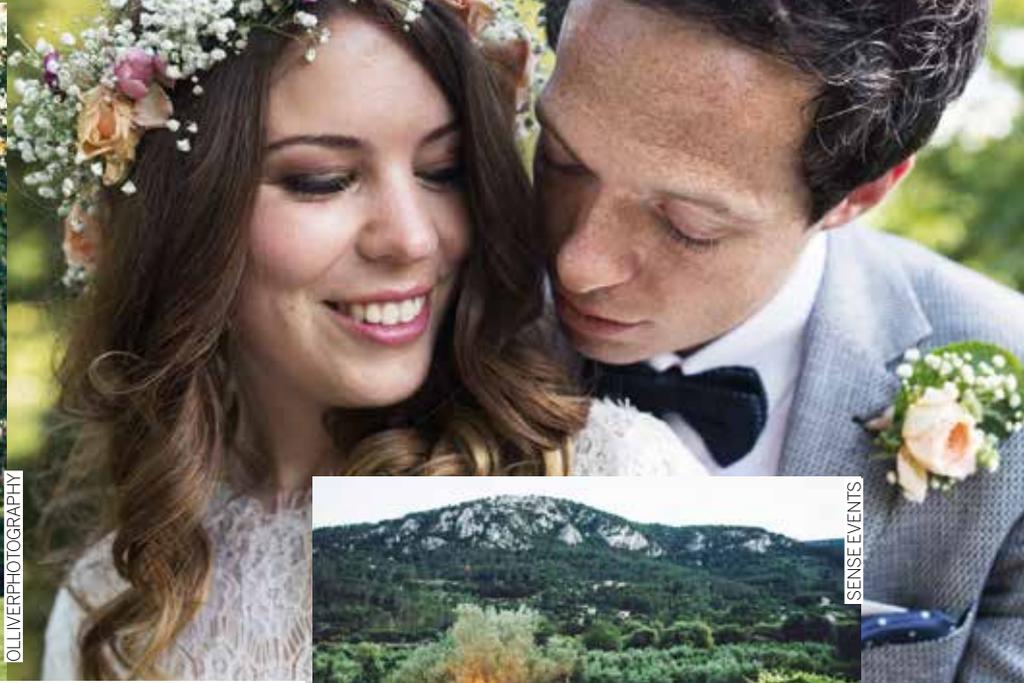
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GIVE YOUR PHOTOS SOME ADDED WOW WITH BALLOON PROPS

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SENSE EVENTS



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OH SNAP!



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A STUNNING WEDDING DAY SETTING WITH SOME LANDSCAPE SHOTS

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JENNIE HILL PHOTOGRAPHY

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO FIND THE PERFECT PHOTOGRAPHER TO SUIT YOU...



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SUSS OUT YOUR PHOTO STYLE

Do you prefer a natural documentary style of photography or the more traditional posed photos? Or perhaps you'd prefer something with a little bit of an arty edge? Decide on the type of images you like (Pinterest is a great place for inspiration) and find a photographer to match.



NICK RAY

ASK AROUND

Have a browse through some of your married friends' photo albums, or go wedding snooping on Facebook to find gorgeous real life examples. Don't be afraid to ask the people you know for recommendations and read lots of online reviews by other brides.

ARRANGE A DATE

Find some time to have a chat with one or two photographers you like the look of (ideally in person, or maybe on the phone or via Skype). It's important that you feel comfortable around them and they understand what you want.

BROWSE THROUGH SOME WEDDING ALBUMS

Photographers usually just display the highlights of weddings on their websites. Ask to see a full wedding album online so you can see the whole day from start to finish, and find out which moments they were able to capture (and any they might have missed!).

DISCUSS TIMINGS

Think about when you want your photographer to arrive and depart. If you want them to capture you getting ready or your first dance you will need to let them know. If your groom also wants some morning snaps you'll need a second shooter - this (of course) all affects the overall cost of your wedding photographer.



AN EVENING SILHOUETTE SHOT IS A DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPHY OPTION

JONNY DRAPER

RETOUCHING?

Will your photographer edit all your photos or just the ones you select? Also get an idea of how much colour correction and retouching they do - all photographers vary depending on their style.

DELIVERABLES

Whether it's digital files only, a full album or a mix of the two, find out exactly what your photographer can provide, and get a rough idea of how many images you can expect and how long they will take to arrive. Be aware that during busy summer months editing photographs can take around six-eight weeks.

HOW TO POSE LIKE A PRO

Not feeling camera confident? Here's how to give Gigi Hadid a run for her money!

POSTURE

Stand up straight with your shoulders down and back arched to look tall and confident.

CHIN AND NECK

Keep your chin up and touch your tongue to the roof of your mouth to avoid a double chin.

STOMACH

Stand slightly to the side but turn your shoulders back to face the camera - this will make your waist appear smaller!

LEGS

Put one foot forward and bend the knee. This creates a beautiful hourglass shape - it's Kim K's signature red carpet pose.

KEEP MOVING

If your poses feel a bit awkward go for a little wander with your new husband to create some natural movement shots and try to relax!



ONCE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA YOU CAN GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

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PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE GUIDE

REPORTAGE These documentary-style photographers will blend into the background and take unposed pictures to create a natural story of your day.

TRADITIONAL Classic, posed photography will capture all the big moments of your wedding day, from saying 'I do' to cutting the cake - think classic, old-school wedding album.

LIFESTYLE Candid-style shots with some direction and a bit more posing. Basically the documentary look with the benefit of a bit of styling!

ARTISTIC Seen some incredible images on Pinterest and want to get creative? The high-art option is perfect for imaginative couples who love the idea of a wedding day photo shoot.