

Quick-Start Guide To Wedding Planning

“How to plan the perfect wedding to remember for life...
even if you haven’t the slightest idea where to start.”



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**Find Out How You Can Make Your Own
Wedding Blog to Share All That Precious
Moments on the Web**

Dear Friend,

How many times have you wished you have your own wedding blog so that you can showcase all the unforgettable moments to your family members and good friends?

Well, now you can.

As the webmaster of Romance-Fire.com, I've realised that many couples want to start their wedding blog but just don't know how to do it.

That's why I've started this service to help wedding couples create their own blogs which they can keep for life.

In this service, you will get:

1. A free-to-host blog and domain name that you can post all the wedding happenings on.
2. A customized web template for your wedding blog.
3. Video tutorials to teach you how to make your own blog posts and create photo slideshows to put on the blog.
4. 6 months e-mail support after your blog has been set up.

Please email Jhong Ren at my_romance_kit@yahoo.com.sg for a quote and more details on the service.

Dear Valued Member.

Thank you for subscribing to “**Romance-Fire.com**” and reading this Guide to wedding-planning.

One of the **fastest and best** methods of using the least time to planning your ideal wedding is by having a guide like this to guide you at every step of your wedding. In fact you can start planning your wedding using **as little as 15 – 30 minutes** from reading this guide.

However, it’s not exactly an easy task for newbie wedding couple to plan their wedding so this short guide is meant to help you. The purpose of this article is to show you how to plan your wedding using the least amount of time no matter how busy you are.

The tips here are kept short and simple for easy reading. If you need more information on each of them or the different aspects, be sure to check out resources widely available by doing simple searches on Google.com.

I hope you’ll find the information useful.

Remember - there is always the most efficient way to plan your ideal wedding.

Let’s get started then ...

To Your Wedding Success!
Jhong Ren



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Wedding Checklist (1 year to 1 day ahead)



A. 1 year to 6 months ahead – Starting to Plan for Your Wedding

- Finalise the wedding date after discussing with your parents.
- If necessary, Consult a Feng Shui Master or Geomancer for auspicious dates and timings.
- Work out the kind of wedding you want (indoor/ outdoor/ buffet/ sit-down type/ lunch/ dinner?)
- Set yourself a budget.
- Work out how many people you want to invite and who you want to invite.
- Start compiling your guest list. Get a spreadsheet started. (use MS excel)
- Book a licensed Solemniser. You will need to get his or her written consent to solemnise your marriage before you file your notice of marriage at the Registry of Marriage.
- Get hold of bridal magazines to know about upcoming wedding shows and exhibitions. (e.g. Style Weddings, Her World Brides)
- Attend wedding shows to explore different packages (and freebies) offered by various hotels/ restaurants and bridal studios.
- Reece different venues to have a feel of the physical space and facilities and meet up with the hotel business managers.
- Book your ceremony and reception venues. If your venue is outdoors, make sure there is wet weather option available. And should you need to rent additional equipment such as tables, chairs, tents, projector or screens, work out what you want or need and make reservation.
- Book your wedding planner, caterer, florist, musicians, photographer and videographer.

- Start shopping for, or designing, the [wedding dress](#) and accessories.
- Plan your honeymoon and buy necessary clothing for different seasons. Look out for travel fairs like NATAS in March, June or September.
- [Get yourself a spa package](#) for those regular, monthly facials.
- Exercise regularly to look the best on your wedding day. (At least 3 times per week for 20 mins per session)
- Arrange for first meet-the-parents session (may want to discuss “pin jin” and number of tables required for both sides.)
- Plan for renovation of bedroom or house.



B. 4 to 6 months ahead – Don’t Panic, There’s Still Time

- Purchase or reserve the groom’s attire.
- Purchase, reserve or tailor the groomsmen’s and bridesmaids’ attire.
- Purchase the wedding bands. Arrange to have them engraved with wedding couple’s names and/ or ROM date. Make sure it comes with a free wedding pillow.
- Purchase shoes for bride & groom.
- Pick your wedding favors. Order them or assign some friends to help out when making them.
- Book a room for your wedding night and book another room(s) for helpers, parents & relatives.
- Pick out ‘thank you’ gifts for your attendants and your parents.
- Pick out or Make wedding gifts for each other.

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- Set up your wedding registry and have a helper (e.g. sibling, friend) disseminate the news among your friends and family.
- Sign up for dance-lessons.
- Order the wedding cake for wedding dinner and cakes for “Guo Da Li”...
- Print wedding card inserts. Design wedding invitation cards.
- Go for photo-shoots at bridal studio (indoor and outdoor shoots). (for brides, do bring along sport shoes or any comfortable footwear for outdoor photo-shoots)



C. 2 to 4 months ahead – Buying, Ordering and Finalising

- Apply for annual leave (4 to 6 days before wedding day and 2 to 3 days after wedding day for resting.)
- Mail the wedding invitations. Deliver wedding invitation personally to relatives. Arrange for drivers to bring you around.
- Finalise the wedding ceremony details with the Solemniser.
- Get your wedding vows for the ceremony from your Solemniser.
- Finalise the decorations with the florist and venue representatives.
- Finalise the menu and wine selection. Arrange for a food-tasting.
- Invite friends and family members to speak or perform at your wedding.
- Finalise the sequence of events for both the ceremony and reception.
- Schedule the wedding rehearsal.

- Test hairstyles and make-up.
- Purchase wedding bands.
- Order mattress and purchase mattress cover sets.
- Purchase Chinese customary items. (at Chinatown Complex)
- Select photos for wedding albums at bridal studio.



D. 1 to 2 months ahead – There Are More To Be Done

- File your Notice of Marriage.
- Purchase or make your guest book.
- Confirm your honeymoon bookings.
- Meet helpers and assign responsibilities along with checklists and/ or schedules.
- Meet up with hotel banquet coordinator to test out the technical systems (e.g. laptops, projectors, music in audio discs or in MP3 format.) and to discuss your program during your wedding dinner.
- Finalise layout design for wedding photographs taken by bridal studio.
- Renovate bedroom or house.



E. 2 weeks ahead – It’s Time To Panic

- Arrange a final dress and suit fitting for both of you.
- Make sure your attendants and bridesmaid have gone for their fittings as well.
- Confirm the head count for the reception with the caterer.
- Get ballroom floor plan with table and stage layouts from hotel business managers.
- Work on the seating plan. Prepare place cards if necessary.
- [Write your speech](#) and practice them.
- Create the video(s) for childhood till courtship photographs.
- Confirm mattress order and delivery time for “An Chuan”.



F. 1 week ahead – Making Sure Things Are In Correct Order

- Confirm your wedding details with the Solemniser (at least 3 working days before your wedding)

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- Confirm the seating plan and print at least 4 copies for helpers at reception.
- Confirm details with the caterer and update the head count.
- Confirm all other bookings (transport, venue, furniture rental, wine delivery, projector rental etc)
- Update helpers on the responsibilities along with checklists and/ or schedules.
- Print out to-do list for helpers.
- Get one more facial and massage.
- Pack wedding photos albums, guests' books, bridal accessories and all attires (for bride, groom, bridesmaid, groomsmen) into carrier bags and label them.
- Choose **wedding songs** for first dish, for 1st and 2nd march-ins and for playing throughout the wedding dinner. Burn them into audio discs to be played at hotel. Label the discs.
- Email hotel business manager number of Vegetarians and Muslims and the table number they will be sitting at.
- Request for required number of baby chairs.



G. 1 day ahead – Getting Ready For The Big Day

- Rehearse the wedding ceremony.
- [Get a manicure and pedicure.](#)
- [Squeeze in a relaxing massage if you can.](#)
- Present the wedding party with ‘thank you’ gifts.

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- Remind groom to [collect flowers, corsages](#) and car ribbons from bridal studio.
- Prepare the final payments and hand them over to the person assigned to issue them at the end of the day.
- Remember to check the weather report if your wedding is going to be held outdoor. Assign someone to decide whether the wedding should be moved indoors on the day itself. Be prepared to live with the decision he or she makes.
- Hand over everything else. Trust someone else to get it done right.



Useful Links:

1. “Bridal Studios/ Hotels/ ROM/ Marital Preparation Course and many more...”

<http://www.romance-fire.com/wedding-resources-useful-web-site/>

2. “Wedding Packages for Lunch/ Dinner (Words/ PDF format)”

<http://www.romance-fire.com/wedding-packages-for-lunch-dinner/>

3. “Wedding Blogs/ Photo Albums & Other Wedding-Related Resources”

<http://www.romance-fire.com/other-online-resources/>

4. “Beauty Tips for Brides & Bridesmaids”

<http://www.romance-fire.com/beauty-tips-for-brides/>

Words of Wisdom...

No one says that wedding-planning is a smooth route. Generally, fulfilling tasks like booking the wedding venues or purchasing clothing and other wedding accessories are easy.

The challenging aspect is partnering with your love one to complete this wonderful once-in-a-lifetime task together.

There will be many times to test how much both of you support, communicate and understand each other.

There will be times when practices and customs from both families clash. There will be times when the bride and groom have to come to a compromise what they really want for their wedding, putting aside their ideal wedding in their mind... There will be times when stressors from work, family and wedding planning become too overwhelming for the couple to carry...

There may be feelings like joyfulness and pleasure when things are going well as planned. On the other hand, there may be other feelings such as anger and frustrations when couples feel that they may not be supported or understood why certain decisions have to be made because of traditional beliefs or because their parents say so.

For me, planning the wedding with my wife has its ups and downs too. Though challenging, I find it as an invaluable time to really better understand my wife and to really support her in terms of the decisions she made and the plans she had in mind.

I find it even more fulfilling when we went through the wedding day together...hand-in-hand...and living to the fullest the magical experience we had on our wedding day... ><

I really hope that this wedding-planning guide is really useful for you and I hereby wish you and your love one have a superb time of planning your wedding together.

- Jhong Ren