

# So you're engaged...

## What's next [The Worksheet] 12-10 months out

The following steps should be taken between 12-10 months before your wedding. Note, there's no true deadline but the one you give yourself. You can take as much or as little time as you need to plan your wedding.

**Step #8** Check off all the wedding vendors you want to have for your wedding.

- Wedding Planner    Wedding Coordinator    Photographer  
 Videographer    Catering

**Step #9** Make a list of 10-20 wedding planners or wedding coordinators (you will only need one, either a planner who will help you plan your wedding and be there to see it through, or a coordinator who will help your with the coordination of events during your wedding)

Total Budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 0.03 = \_\_\_\_\_ ← approximate cost of planner

**Step #10** List (and meet with) your top 5 planners or coordinators:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Step #11** Make a list of 10-20 wedding photographers and/or videographers in or near your city of choice. Mark the ones that best fit your aesthetic with a notation or highlight them. Make sure to note the average cost of each vendor so you can get an average cost idea.

Total Budget \$: \_\_\_\_\_ X0.15 = \_\_\_\_\_ ← approximate cost of photographer

**Step #6** List (and meet with) your top 5 photographers, videographers or both:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

**Step #7** Book your planner/coordinator & your photographer/videographer

Booked Planner/Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booked Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booked Videographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step #8** Develop your wedding guest list. On average, 75-85% of wedding guests usually attend the wedding. This percentage can change depending on the date, day and location of the wedding. If you're having a destination wedding the percentage is 35-75%

Total Invited guests (including +1): \_\_\_\_\_ X 0.85 = \_\_\_\_\_ ← Approximate guest total

**Step #9** If your venue doesn't offer catering, check off one or more of the following:

- Plated, sit-down dinner     Buffet Style     Food Stations  
 Family-style dinner     cocktail reception

Preferred type of food: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step #10** Make a list of potential caterers who offer the style of food and the type of food you want. If you've booked a wedding planner, they can help you with this. Make sure there aren't any restrictions with who can bring food and drinks into the venue.

Total Budget \$: \_\_\_\_\_ X 0.20 = \_\_\_\_\_ ← approximate cost of catering

**Step #11** List (and meet with) your top 5 caterers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Step #12** Book your caterer

Booked Catering: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The total cost of catering will depend on the number of people/plates