

# Eighteen Things Every Bride Should Consider

## PART ONE

PLANNING A WEDDING IS SO MUCH FUN BUT IT CAN BE OVERWHELMING WITH A LONG TO DO LIST. HERE IS A LIST OF THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHILE PLANNING YOUR WEDDING.

### Speak Up

DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY A VENDOR IS STYLING YOUR HAIR, MAKE UP, NAILS, ETC. THIS IS YOUR DAY AND TRUST ME, THEY WANT YOU TO BE IN LOVE WITH YOUR LOOK!

### Don't Compare Your Wedding to Someone Else's

THIS IS YOUR WEDDING AND YOUR STYLE. EVERY WEDDING IS DIFFERENT AND AMAZING IN IT'S OWN WAY. YOUR GUESTS JUST WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU AND YOUR SOON TO BE.

### Standby Flats

WHEN THE HEELS ARE MAKING YOU WANT TO END THE RECEPTION, SLIP INTO SOMETHING PRETTY...COMFORTABLE. HAVING A PAIR OF FLATS OR SANDALS MAY SAVE THE DAY AND YOU'LL BE READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY.

### Dj or Mc with a Plan

HAVE A DJ OR APPOINT A FRIEND TO BE THE MC WITH A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR YOUR RECEPTION IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COORDINATOR. MAKE SURE THEY COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER BEFORE THE BIG EVENTS HAPPEN SO THEY ARE IN PLACE TO CAPTURE THE TOASTS, CAKE CUTTING, DANCES, ETC. IF IT'S IN THE BUDGET, HIRE A WEDDING COORDINATOR FOR THE BIG DAY. THEY ARE GOOD AT WHAT THEY DO. LET THEM DO IT!

### No Streaking

BE CAREFUL IF YOU ARE GETTING A SPRAY TAN. YOU MAY WANT TO DO A TEST RUN IF IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME. THE LAST THING YOU NEED ARE STREAKS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY. THIS GOES FOR BRIDESMAIDS AS WELL. AND HONESTLY, NATURAL LOOKS BEST.

### Getting Ready Jams

ASK ONE OF YOUR BRIDESMAIDS TO MAKE AN AWESOME PLAY LIST OR STATION FOR THE BRIDAL SUITE.

### Bedtime and Less Booze

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING, GET LOTS OF REST AND DRINK LESS ALCOHOL. IT WILL REDUCE REDNESS AND PUFFINESS UNDER THE EYES. NO FUN BUT TRUE!

### Put the Cell Phone Down

OF COURSE KEEP IT NEARBY FOR THE OCCASIONAL SELFIE AT THE RECEPTION WITH THE BFF TO POST ON INSTAGRAM BUT KEEP THE PHONE OUT OF YOUR HAND SO YOU CAN ENJOY YOUR DAY AND LET YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER DOCUMENT THE DAY. PLUS, DO YOU REALLY WANT EVERY PICTURES OF YOU TO HAVE A PHONE IN YOUR HAND?

### Twinkle it Up

YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY TWINKLE LIGHTS AT AN OUTDOOR LATE NIGHT RECEPTION. NO DANCING IN THE DARK.

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## PART TWO

### *Smile a Lot*

ENJOY THE DAY. SMILING AND LAUGHING WILL REPRESENT HOW YOU FEEL IN PICTURES. AND DON'T RUN OR TURN YOUR BACK TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER. THEY WANT YOU TO HAVE FABULOUS PICTURES OF HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE.

### *Venue Mirrors*

ASK YOUR VENUE OR BRIDESMAIDS TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE FRESHLY CLEAN MIRRORS IN THE BRIDAL SUITE AND GROOM'S BATCAVE. PHOTOGRAPHERS USE THE MIRRORS TO HELP CAPTURE IMAGES OF YOU PREPARING TO WALK DOWN THE AISLE.

### *It's all about the Bustle*

LISTEN TO YOUR ALTERATIONS PERSON ON HOW MANY BUSTLE BUTTONS YOU SHOULD HAVE ON YOUR WEDDING DRESS. I LEARNED THIS BY EXPERIENCE. I WAS TOLD I SHOULD HAVE 3 FOR MY DRESS AND I WENT WITH ONE BECAUSE I WANTED TO SAVE MONEY. IT BROKE THIRTY MINUTES INTO THE RECEPTION AND I RELIED ON A SAFETY PIN THAT KEPT BRAKING AND HAD TO CARRY MY TRAIN MOST OF THE NIGHT. NO FUN.

### *Emergency Kit*

THIS IS A PART OF MY BUSTLE STORY. HAVE AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR THE WEDDING DAY THAT INCLUDES THINGS LIKE SAFETY PINS, BOBBY PINS, MENDING KIT, SCISSORS, TWEEZERS, ADVIL, ETC. IT MAY SAVE THE DAY.

### *New Skin Care Products*

SKIP THE UNFAMILIAR SKIN CARE PRODUCTS. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DISCOVER A NEW SKIN ALLERGY THE DAY BEFORE YOUR WEDDING.

### *Don't Leave Them Hungry*

WHEN PLANNING YOUR WEDDING DAY TIMELINE, CONSIDER WHAT TIME THE FOOD WILL BE SERVED. IF THE CEREMONY IS AT 6PM AND FAMILY/BRIDE & GROOM PICTURES ARE RIGHT AFTER, CONSIDER SERVING DINNER WHILE YOU ARE TAKING PICTURES OR YOU CAN CONSIDER DOING A FIRST LOOK AND TAKING A MAJORITY OF YOUR PICTURES BEFORE THE CEREMONY. YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER CAN GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS AND HELP WITH THE TIMELINE.

### *Cake Placement*

KEEP THE CAKE OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT SO IT DOESN'T MELT BEFORE YOU CUT IT.

### *Unwanted Outdoor Guests*

HAVING AN AWESOME TEXAS OUTSIDE RECEPTION? KEEPING BUGSPRAY ONHAND WILL SAVE YOU AND GUESTS FROM UNWANTED BUG BITES AT THE RECEPTION.

### *Don't Sweat*

THE SMALL STUFF, DON'T SWEAT IT! YOUR FLOWERS HAD MORE WHITE ROSES THEN PINK. NO ONE ELSE WILL NOTICE. YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED TO THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE AND THAT IS THE DREAM!