



# 10 Things to do First When Planning your Wedding:

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## **After the Ring: 10 Things to do First When Planning your Wedding:**

So you've had that once-in-a-lifetime moment with your boyfriend where he finally got on one knee and proposed. You've basked in the afterglow feeling of being newly engaged, and shared all the details with your family and friends (and on social media). Now what? Before you begin freaking out (PS: that's normal!), know that we have you covered. Here are 10 things that you must do first when you begin planning your wedding.

**1. Get Inspired:** Have you been dreaming of a certain type of wedding your whole life? Brainstorm with your fiancée about what type of wedding you envision, and see if you're on the same page. Think color scheme, small vs. large gathering, or theme. You may want to visit our Pinterest page for some inspiration.



**2. Decide on (and Notify) your Wedding Party:** Choosing the size of your wedding party can be a big decision for many couples. Once you have determined your maid or matron of honor, best man and have settled on the right number of bridesmaids and groomsmen, now's the time to make them feel honored to be a part of your special day. Here are some ideas on how you can "pop the question" to your bridesmaids.



**3. Set your Initial Guest List:** This will determine everything from your budget to your venue and even menu. You'll need to talk to your parents as well to see how many friends and extended family members they planned on inviting on their ends as well. Don't wait until the last minute on this! The earlier you can get names and addresses from your parents, the easier it will be for your [wedding planning](#).

**4. Pick a Date:** Choosing a wedding date is crucial, hence why you need to do the above things first. Picking a date is important, especially here in Indianapolis, so you can secure the best wedding venue and location for your wedding ceremony and reception. And obviously time of year is crucial, so if you envisioned being a June bride, you'll find that timeframe to be one of the most popular wedding choices. See our list of Indianapolis [wedding venues](#) here. Once you've selected a timeline (hopefully at least 9 to 12 months out), you can begin to follow all of the online checklists that will tell you when you'll need to complete certain items for your wedding planning.



**5. Set your Wedding Budget:** Sit down with family and determine what is realistic for all parties, who will pay for what, etc. If needed, set aside a special bank account to pay for your wedding, and start funding it right away. We'll discuss in a future B2B blog post how you can plan a wedding on a budget.

**6. Follow Wedding Planning Sites on Social Media:** Get inspiration from others online by following wedding websites on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram and see who we're following too.



**7. Ask Friends for Help:** Know a friend who's gotten married recently (particularly one in your chosen wedding location)? Invite them to coffee, lunch or drinks to pick their brains, and gather ideas on all of the how-tos and what-not-to-dos for your wedding. Sometimes this type of information is the most valuable as you can learn from others' experiences to make your wedding day go even smoother.

**8. Start Searching for Vendors:** If you have certain vendors in mind for your wedding, you may want to start giving them a shout-out to check on their availability for your wedding date. You can ask friends/family for ideas too, or if you remember a certain wedding you attended for a friend and loved their photography, floral or cake, you can get ideas there too. See the [IndyBride2B](#) vendors list for some names. If you haven't a clue about vendors, see the next item on our list.



**9. Attend a bridal show:** Luckily, now is the time of year where you can get loads of information in one place about having your Indianapolis wedding, and selecting the best Indianapolis wedding vendors. Usually on a Sunday afternoon, bridal shows give you a bunch of wedding vendors, along with displays, free samples and discounts, all in one place. Usually there are huge giveaways too, like honeymoons. The first [IndyBride2B](#) Bridal Crawl is coming up soon. Tickets and information [here](#).

**10. Get Healthy:** Not only can starting a healthy eating and fitness program help you get a fit body for your special day, it will help you keep all the stresses at bay when you inevitably run into challenges during your wedding planning. Trust us, you'll need it!

Best of luck with your wedding planning, and congratulations on your engagement! We're so excited to go along this ride with you.

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