

1. Establish a Budget – Who is going to pay for this thing!?
2. Compile your preliminary guest list – This is vital to knowing how far your budget will stretch and what venues will best fit your big day! Remember you don't always need to invite your neighbor's cousin's uncle!
3. Start looking at venues – Sometimes your venue may choose your date for you, if not make sure to have options.
4. Prioritize your dream wedding must have list – Do you have to have the horse drawn carriage and your favorite band from the 90's performing?!
5. Collect as many images that inspire you as possible – Its ok to have a little wedding overload in the beginning, we will weed them out eventually!
6. Choose your wedding party – this may be easy for some but for others this can be a stressful process.
7. Start researching for and interviewing vendors – There are thousands of vendors; don't feel bad interviewing as many as you need to in order to feel confident in your choice!
8. Establish early how involved both parties are going to be – If the groom only cares about food, try to be understanding. However this doesn't mean you cannot find ways to make him or her more interested in the planning process. Find ways to incorporate their style so that they feel as though it is their wedding as well.
9. Book your Honeymoon – The early wedding planning process is a very exciting time but also can be very overwhelming. Take time to talk about, plan and book your honeymoon early on. This way when the going gets tough you can have something to set your sights on (or at least your groom can!)
10. Book Alyssa Hoffman Event Design and Coordination to help make your planning processes as smooth and enjoyable as possible!