

# Planning Your Wedding Dances

Weddings today contain many special dances, the first dance, where the couple takes their first spin on the dance floor. The parents' dance, the couple enjoys a special moment with the people who raised them. The anniversary dance, which salutes couples who have been married the longest.

Many engaged couples today plan choreographed routines based on popular Ballroom Dances to honor these special wedding dances and add a touch of elegance to the moment as it's captured in pictures and video. We put together this helpful guide for prospective Brides and Grooms on the suggested steps for planning choreographed Wedding Dances. Click your way through the guide below and/or print out the planning steps. Enjoy!

## HAVE FUN



Ballroom dancing is joyful, artistic and creative through its many and varied dance movements. Choreographing a routine for your wedding should also be fun and not stressful. Find dances and music you both enjoy and make the learning process as fun as possible. You have enough to stress over with your wedding planning and learning a dance routine will inspire you and fill you with joy and love!

## CHOOSE YOUR MUSIC & SONGS



Choose the music you want for each different wedding dance, then make sure your band or DJ can play it for you. At this point don't worry about choosing a style of ballroom dance. Many popular and classic songs are generally suitable for one of the ballroom dance styles. Conversely, if you have a dance style you prefer, such as waltz, then choose the song accordingly. [Click Here](#) to Find classic and popular songs suitable for your favorite ballroom dances.

## BOOK YOUR DANCE INSTRUCTOR



Many couples want to perform a unique routine designed by a professional. Many ballroom dance studios and dance instructors offer packages to choreograph and help you learn a ballroom dance routine for your wedding. Packages include the couple's first dance as well as dance routines for the whole wedding party and with your parents. The professional dance instructors can help you determine suitable ballroom dances based on the music you selected. We recommend to start planning 6 months before the big day.

## REACH OUT TO THE WEDDING PARTY



Learning a wedding routine to ballroom dance is an amazing creative endeavor however it does take time and practice. If you plan to also choreograph the wedding party's dance, the parents' dance or the anniversary dance at your wedding give involved participants ample time to practice and help you choose their music.

## PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE



Once the routines are choreographed the most important thing is to practice. If you choose a package from a ballroom dance studio or dance instructor time is included to learn the steps, practice and polish the techniques. The less you have to think about the steps, connecting to the beat of the music and remembering the choreography, the more you'll truly enjoy performing and adding in the extras like smiling and proper arm and hand placement. We guarantee you'll have fun and look amazing.

## ENJOY YOUR BIG DAY!



Everyone's celebrating your wedding and came to the reception because they love you and care about you. When it comes time to do the choreographed dances don't worry about the steps and just enjoy performing in front of your family, friends and guests. No one else knows the choreography but you, so as long as you smile and have fun, you'll be a hit and everyone will be amazed at how special your first dance is.

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