



MY PRETTY THOUGHTS

The Ultimate Wedding Planner PDF

A practical, inclusive workbook for planning your celebration from first decisions to final follow-through

100 PAGES / YOUR NEXT CHAPTER

A little structure. A fresh start.

Plan a wedding that fits your relationships, resources, and priorities rather than someone else's expectations. This workbook contains 100 planned pages: one cover, one contents page, and fourteen modules with seven distinct pages each. Each module provides a lesson, checklist, action plan, comparison worksheet, reflection page, seven-day tracker, and review. Complete the modules in order, then revisit them as decisions change. For comparison pages, place your options in columns and use the four criteria as rows. For tracker pages, use the four measures as rows and Days 1–7 as columns; mark nonapplicable days clearly. Assign responsibilities by agreement, not gender or family role. You can adapt every activity for a small gathering, a large celebration, multiple cultural traditions, or a nontraditional format.

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THE GUIDE

1. Define Your Celebration and Decision Process

Begin by separating what matters to you from what weddings are supposed to include. Each partner should privately list three priorities, three things they can comfortably skip, and any cultural, religious, sensory, or family considerations. Compare lists without treating differences as problems to solve immediately. A meaningful celebration might prioritize a shared meal, a private ceremony, dancing, community participation, or simply keeping the day manageable. Write a short planning statement describing the experience you want guests and yourselves to have. Establish who makes final decisions, who may offer input, and which contributions come with expectations. Financial help should not silently become decision authority. Agree on a regular planning meeting with a time limit and a shared place for notes. Include a pause rule for conversations that become overwhelming. Before researching vendors, define a preliminary scale and identify boundaries around spending, privacy, traditions, and workload. These decisions become your filter when attractive but unnecessary options appear.

What matters most to you here?

YOUR CHECKLIST

1. Define Your Celebration and Decision Process

Start with what fits your situation. Mark each item when it is complete.

- ☐ Write three individual priorities before comparing preferences.
- ☐ List traditions to keep, adapt, or omit.
- ☐ Create a two-sentence celebration statement.
- ☐ Name final decision-makers and consultation boundaries.
- ☐ Choose a shared planning folder and task list.
- ☐ Schedule a recurring, time-limited planning meeting.

Anything else to check?

MAKE A PLAN

1. Define Your Celebration and Decision Process

01 Spend 15 minutes separately listing priorities and nonpriorities.

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02 Combine your lists into five shared planning principles.

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03 Assign one owner and one backup for each planning category.

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04 Set a decision deadline for celebration size and format.

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