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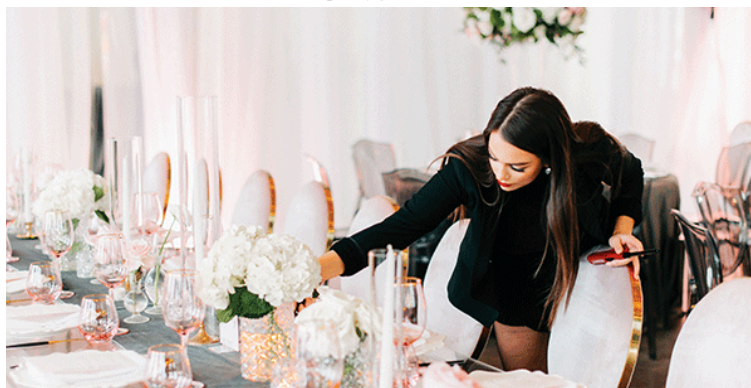
Do I need a wedding planner?

You may need a wedding planner in the following scenarios:

To work with certain vendors – Some wedding vendors only work with clients with a dedicated wedding planner (this is often the case with luxury wedding photographers and other top-tier vendors).

For large events – The more moving parts in your wedding day, the more essential a wedding planner will be. They can help you find your other vendors and will communicate the timeline and plan for the day, so you don't have to.

For a low stress experience – Wedding planners can do a ton for you, including helping you manage your wedding budget, coordinating meetings with vendors, providing a recommended vendor list, helping gather loved ones for important moments on the big day (like family photos), and



so much more. Without them, you'd be planning and managing all that yourself, which is a lot to do before and during your wedding day.

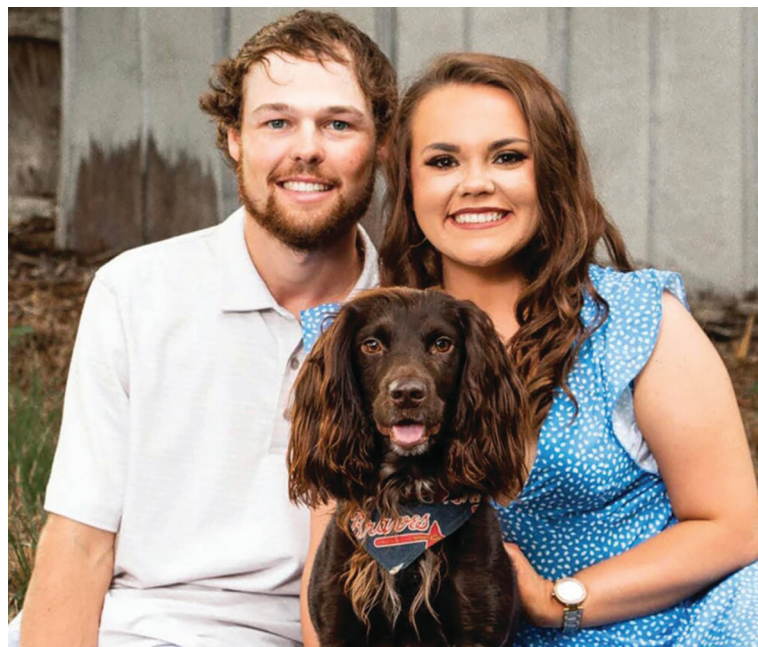
You may not need a wedding planner in the following scenarios:

For smaller events – If you're eloping, your photographer will provide a lot of the planning services, like creating your timeline and helping you identify and navigate the booking process for your location. They also typically have

a list of preferred vendors they can share with you.

If you just need help the day of – If you can plan everything before the wedding day and solely need someone to help with the day-of logistics and keep things running smoothly, a day-of coordinator is a great alternative.

Whether you hire a wedding planner to plan your wedding or not, it's recommended to have a dedicated planner notebook to keep track of everything as you go.



MR. AND MRS. AMERSON

Miss Lindsey,

Mr. Amerson wed

Shyann Lindsey and Trey Amerson were united in marriage October 5, 2024 at 5 p.m. at Ocala Estate in Soperton. Shyann is the daughter of David and Sherry Lindsey of Metter. Trey is the son of Bobby Jr. and Paula Amerson of Swainsboro.

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MISS BRASWELL AND MR. OGLESBY

Miss Braswell, Mr. Oglesby
to ex change vows

Mr. and Mrs. Matt and Catina Braswell are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Adrianna Raye Braswell, to Austin Blake Oglesby. Mr. Oglesby is the son of Libby and Jerry Caraway of Swainsboro and Eric and Karen Oglesby of Locust Grove. The wedding is set for May 31, 2025, in Soperton. Formal invitations will be sent.

Can I plan a wedding in three months?

Whether you can (or would want to) plan a wedding in three months depends on the type of event you're planning. If you're planning a micro to small wedding without too many vendors, minimal decor, and not too many moving parts, then you could absolutely plan a wedding in three months.

However, even small weddings can require months of planning, so it's best to avoid forcing yourself to plan a wedding in three months or less if you can avoid it. It'll make all the steps in the wedding planning process that much easier and more enjoyable.



MR. AND MRS. BURKHALTER

Miss Brown, Mr. Burkhalter wed

Belk Ashton Brown became the bride of Clay Landon Burkhalter August 31, 2024, in Twin City. Ashton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendry Brown of Garfield. Mr. Burkhalter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyman Burkhalter of Claxton.



MR. AND MRS. BOGAN

Miss Canady and Mr. Bogan exchange vows

The family of Lauren Reece Canady was happy to announce the engagement and marriage of Miss Canady and Cameron Edward Bogan. Mr. Bogan is the son of Chris and Shelly Bogan of Estero, Florida.

The wedding was held October 26, 2024, in North Georgia.



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Miss Canady, Mr. McCranie to exchange vows

Barry and Kim Canady are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Meghan Canady, to Britt McCranie. Mr. McCranie is the son of Ricky and Ronda McCranie. The bride-elect is the owner of Meghan's Learning Academy in Twin City. Miss Canady is the granddaughter of Linda Hall and the late George Hall and the late Marvin and Jeanette Canady. The future groom is employed at Mid-State Machine in Dublin. Mr. McCranie is the grandson of Ronnie Scarboro and the late Elaine Scarboro and Grady McCra-



MISS CANADY AND MR. MCCRANIE

nie and the late Martha Jean McCranie. The wedding is set for Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Twin City Methodist Church.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON

Miss Conner, Mr. Johnson exchange vows

Miss Emily Kate Conner and Abb Dan Johnson, III exchanged wedding vows at Beaver Creek Plantation in Twin City, on January 20, 2024, at 5 p.m. Bucky Kennedy, uncle of the bride, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mac Conner of Midville. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson of Twin City.



MR. AND MRS. GAY

Miss Dickerson, Mr. Gay exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Moore of Winder and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Dickerson of Braselton were pleased to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Sydney Dickerson of Braselton, to Rhett Clifford Gay of Twin City. Mr. Gay is the son of Cliff and Judy Gay of Twin City.

The wedding was held June 29, 2024, in Athens.

Is it easy to plan your own wedding?

It can be easy to plan your own wedding, but the answer here ultimately depends on your timeline and your personality type. If you're planning your large wedding within a short time window, planning your wedding would 100% be challenging. Meanwhile, if you're planning a moderately sized affair over a year or longer, it can be easy to plan your own wedding and cover all of our checklist steps with ease.

Regarding personality type, you'll want to think about whether or not you're the type of person who can stick to strict deadlines, manage several tasks at once, and juggle outreach and communication with many vendors. Planning a wedding is essentially a project management job, and if you excel at that, it can be easy...but if not, it's best to call in the professionals.

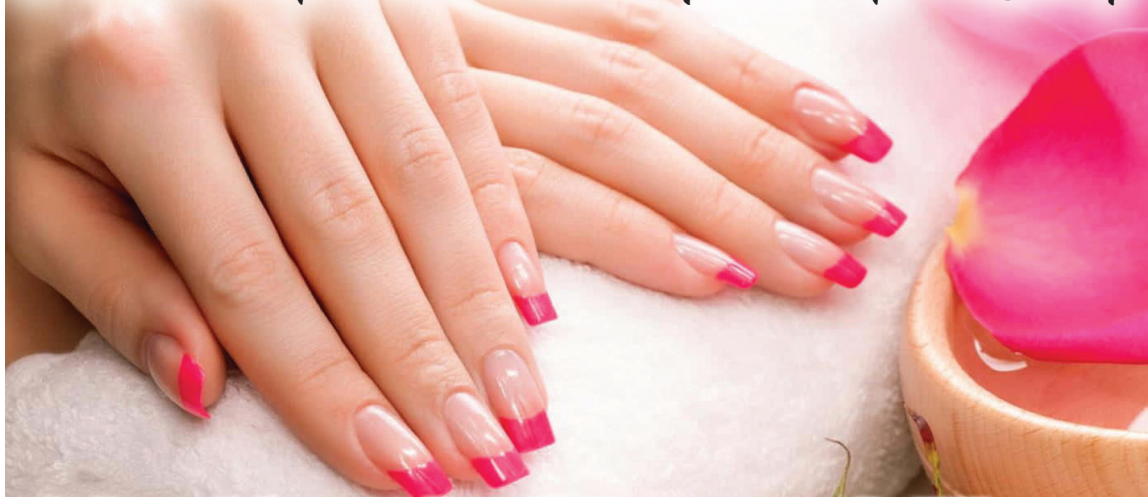
That said, just because you can plan your own wedding doesn't necessarily mean you should. If you plan your own wedding, everything comes back to you, so if the flowers are late on the day of, or the caterer is running out of food, or anything goes wrong on the day of, it's something you'll need to deal with personally. However, if you work with a planner, all those issues will be addressed by them while you have the time of your life at your own wedding!

10 STEPS TO START

planning your wedding

- 1 START YOUR GUEST LIST**
- 2 SET A BUDGET**
- 3 CHOOSE POSSIBLE DATES**
- 4 DECIDE ON WEDDING STYLE**
- 5 BOOK VENUE**
- 6 RESEARCH** (vendors & attire)
- 7 INQUIRE WITH & INTERVIEW VENDORS** (start with planner, photographer, & caterer)
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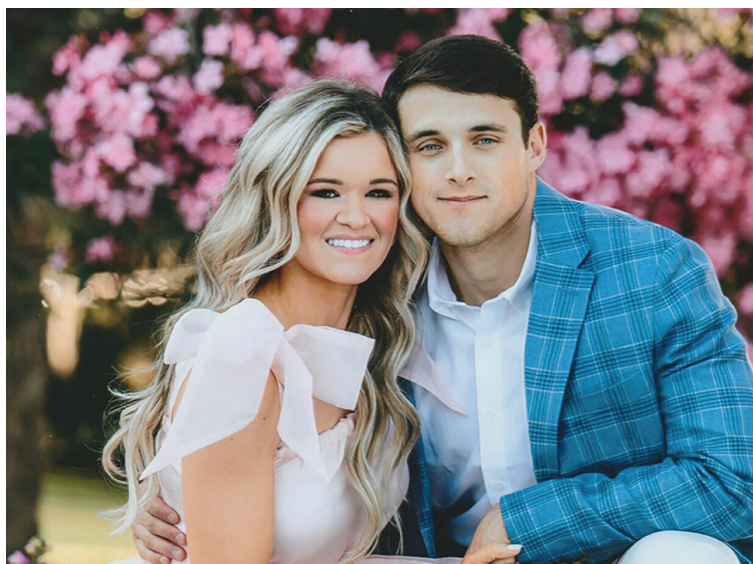


MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS

Miss Hall, Mr. Williams exchange vows

Brittany Christina Hall and Stephen Kyle Williams were united in a double ring ceremony at Quinney Oaks in Mil-
len on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 6 p.m. by Blake Williams
of Statesboro, the groom's younger cousin and the couple's
friend.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Chris and Katie Hall of
Canoochee and Penny Porcel of Swainsboro. The groom is
the son of Steve and Dawn Williams of Swainsboro.



MR. AND MRS. ROGERS

Miss Hendley, Mr. Rogers exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendley were pleased to announce the
engagement and marriage of their daughter, Lauren Eliza-
beth Hendley, to James Walea Rogers, Jr.

Mr. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, Sr. of
Claxton. The wedding was held October 12, 2024, at 6 p.m. at
Grove Point Plantation in Savannah.

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MR. AND MRS. ROGERS

Miss Lumley, Mr. Rogers exchange vows

Ansley Grace Lumley became the bride of Jim Rogers March 24, 2025 at Swainsboro Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of Terry and April Lumley of Swainsboro. Mr. Rogers is the son of Jody and Lori Rogers of Statesboro.



MR. AND MRS. GOODMAN

McBride and Goodman wed

Keiko Grace McBride and Landon Wade Goodman were united in marriage October 19, 2024 at Mt. Shady Baptist Church.

Mrs. Goodman is the daughter of Jim and Amy McBride of Twin City. Mr. Goodman is the son of Joey and Shauna Goodman of Twin City.



MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON

Miss Pittman, Mr. Thompson exchange vows

Roslyn Carol Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Pittman of Metter and Matthew Keith Thompson, son of Amanda Braddy and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, all of Swainsboro, exchanged vows in a private ceremony on May 11, 2024.



MR. AND MRS. FLOWERS

Miss Prather, Mr. Flowers exchange vows

Ansley Prather and Jared Flowers exchanged vows March 30, 2024. Ansley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Prather of Matthews. Jared is the son of Ms. Gail M. Flowers and the late Bruce D. Flowers of Swainsboro.

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MISS SCOTT AND MR. UNDERWOOD

Miss Scott, Mr. Underwood to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scott of Portal proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jenny Alaina Scott, to John Bernard Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Underwood of Statesboro.

The wedding is planned for March 1, 2025, with a reception to follow.



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MISS SCREWS AND MR. SHERIDAN

Miss Screws, Mr. Sheridan to exchange vows

Karin Screws of Kite, and the late Keith Screws, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Buckley Screws, to Kevin Sheridan of Albany, NY. Mr. Sheridan is the son of Julie Mathy Sheridan of Saratoga, NY and David Sheridan of Delmar, NY.

What are the first things to consider for Wedding Registries?

Before it's time to raise a glass to toast to your new lives together, there are tons of plans to be made. And creating a wedding registry is one of the most fun of all the activities that go into planning a wedding. This is the list that your friends, family and loved ones will use to guide their gift-giving efforts, so it's important to create a helpful one.

Wedding experts agree that you should consider registering at more than one store to give everyone options. It's also helpful to include items at a variety of price points. Most importantly, don't put it off. Get started on your registry as soon as possible so that everyone has access to it for multi-

ple wedding-related occasions, from your engagement party to your bridal shower to your wedding day.

Consider Wants and Needs- Before you start dreaming of the things you'll add to your registry, it helps to evaluate exactly what you need — and want. Take some time to sit down with your partner to make a rough list of what you both already have and the items you want to add to your household. If you're younger or haven't lived together yet, you might need essentials like plates and glasses. But if you already have a home established together, you might want items that are more fun or geared toward entertaining.

This is the ideal time to talk about your preferred styles, colors and materials, too. Once you're on the same page about these details, creating your registry becomes easier.

As you get started, think about the foundation items that you need to complete your home together. This is subjective and based on what you both already have. Make a list of everything you can think of that you might want, going room by room. Kitchen, bathroom and bedding gifts are common for wedding registries.

Think ahead. If you're registering for plates and flatware, consider asking for eight of each piece to give you added

flexibility for future entertaining. If you need sheets, find the thread count you like best and add them in your favorite colors and patterns. Many couples start by filling their registries with kitchen essentials like dinnerware, drinkware and tools. Linens are also a good starting point.

Fill Up on Entertaining Essentials

Even if you're an occasional entertainer, it's nice to have nice things on hand for a dinner party or brunch with friends and family. Also, as you get older, you might find that you enjoy entertaining at home more than going out to clubs and bars. Your registry is a perfect entryway to set

yourself up for get-together success. Consider adding serving pieces like serving trays and bowls. Stock your list with barware like all-purpose wine glasses, cocktail glasses and dishware; these are traditional registry items that double as great entertaining essentials. Don't feel like you have to keep anything super-formal. If you have a more relaxed or eclectic style, find options that feel true to you. Other entertaining extras to consider include a champagne bucket, cake stand, carving set, water pitcher and candlesticks. You might also opt for small kitchen appliances like a deep-fryer for snacks, an ice maker or an espresso machine.

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Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ~ Genesis 2:24

The benefits of using a printable wedding planner checklist

Planning a wedding can be an exciting but overwhelming experience. With so many details to consider, it's easy to feel stressed and unsure about where to start. That's where a printable wedding planner checklist comes in handy. This invaluable tool can help you stay organized and ensure that no aspect of your special day is overlooked. In this article, we will explore the benefits of

using a printable wedding planner checklist.

Stay Organized and Keep Track of Tasks

One of the primary advantages of using a printable wedding planner checklist is that it helps you stay organized throughout the planning process. A well-designed checklist will outline all the tasks you need to complete and provide space for you to check them off as they are accom-

plished. This visual representation allows you to see at a glance what needs to be done and what has already been taken care of.

Additionally, a printable checklist can be customized to suit your specific needs. Whether you prefer to plan months in advance or have limited time available, you can adapt the checklist accordingly. By breaking down your wedding planning into manageable

tasks, you'll feel less overwhelmed and more confident about staying on track.

Ensure No Detail is Overlooked

Weddings are full of intricate details, from choosing the perfect venue and selecting the ideal menu to deciding on floral arrangements and finalizing guest lists. With so much going on, it's easy for small details to slip through the cracks if not properly documented.

A printable wedding planner checklist ensures that no detail is overlooked by providing a comprehensive list of all necessary tasks. From booking vendors and sending out invitations to arranging transportation for guests, every aspect is accounted for in your checklist. By following it diligently, you can rest assured that nothing important will be forgotten or left until the last minute.

Save Time and Reduce Stress

Planning a wedding requires careful coordination between various vendors, family members, and friends involved in the process. Without a clear plan in place, it's easy to waste time and experience unnecessary stress.

A printable wedding planner checklist streamlines the planning process and saves you time by keeping everything organized in one place. Instead of constantly searching for notes or trying to remember what needs to be done next, you can consult your checklist and proceed with confidence.

Furthermore, having a checklist reduces stress levels significantly. It provides structure and guidance, allowing you to focus on enjoying the journey rather than constantly worrying about missing something important. By having a clear roadmap to follow, you can approach each task with ease and peace of mind.

Collaboration Made Easy

Planning a wedding often involves multiple people working together, including family members, friends, and wedding vendors. A printable wedding planner checklist makes collaboration seamless by providing a shared reference point for everyone involved.

Whether you're delegating tasks or seeking input from others, the checklist allows for easy communication and coordination. You can share digital copies or printouts with relevant parties, ensuring that everyone is on the same page regarding deadlines and responsibilities.

In conclusion, using a printable wedding planner checklist offers numerous benefits throughout the planning process. From staying organized and ensuring no detail is overlooked to saving time and reducing stress levels, this invaluable tool will help make your journey towards your special day smoother and more enjoyable. So don't hesitate – start using a printable wedding planner checklist today.

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MR. AND MRS. THIEN

Sherrod, Thien exchange vows

Brittany Sarah Sherrod and Jacob Daniel Thien were united in marriage Janaury 17, 2025. Brittany is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherrod of Midville. Jacob is the son of Linda Thien of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Joseph Thien of Nashville, Tennessee.



MR. AND MRS. KEA

Miss Stevens, Mr. Kea united in marriage

Jency Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stevens of Swainsborobecame the bride of Cameron Kea of Swainsboro May 4, 2024 at The Venue on Main. Mr. Kea is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Kea of Swainsboro.

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