



Wedding Expectations Checklist

60 QUESTIONS TO A STRESS-FREE WEDDING

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WELCOME!

Thanks for downloading this guide. Unmet expectations are the quickest way to frustration. This is true in your marriage and it's also true on your wedding day. But not for you! Since you downloaded this list of questions, you're well on your way to having a wedding day you'll remember for a lifetime.

We recommend going through each question in order and taking the time for both of you to answer completely and thoroughly. Don't feel like you have to get through it all at once. Once you've answered, put a check in the "Talked About" box to the left of the question.

This guide is meant to help you get on the same page about your wedding day and help you think about some things you might not have thought about yet. At the end of the day, it's your wedding! Have some fun as you go through this.

If you have any questions or need further expectation resources, shoot us an email at hello@loveyourfirstyear.com or on Instagram at [@loveyourfirstyear](https://www.instagram.com/loveyourfirstyear).

WEDDING PLANNING

TALKED
ABOUT

- ☐ Will we have a wedding planner? (Note: if you can't afford a wedding planner, we would highly recommend at least asking a friend to be a "day of" coordinator who will make sure vendors show up and keep the day running smoothly)
- ☐ Who will pay for the wedding?
- ☐ How much will we spend on the wedding?
- ☐ Will we have an indoor or outdoor wedding?
- ☐ What happens if it rains on our wedding day?
- ☐ Will we have a big or small wedding? How many guests do we want to have?
- ☐ Will we have a strict schedule or go with the flow?
- ☐ What's one thing we MUST have at our wedding? (e.g. videographer, live band, donuts, etc)
- ☐ What city do we want to get married in?
- ☐ Will we register for gifts? Where?
- ☐ Do you have any venues in mind?
- ☐ Do we want to have a photographer?
- ☐ Do we want to have a videographer?
- ☐ What's one thing you're worried will go wrong? (e.g. Britt was worried that she would get bitten by mosquitoes during the first look. Because we knew this, we were able to get insect repellent and make a plan.)
- ☐ What's one thing you're most excited about?

WEDDING PARTY

- ☐ How many will we have in our wedding party?
- ☐ Who do you want on your side?
- ☐ Who will pay for the wedding party? (i.e. will the groomsmen pay for their own suits, etc)
- ☐ What will happen during our bachelor/bachelorette parties?
- ☐ Who will hold the rings during the ceremony?
- ☐ [If you have siblings] Do you expect to have my brother/sister on your side?
- ☐ What will the role of the best man be?
- ☐ What will the role of the maid/matron of honor be?
- ☐ How much will we spend on our wedding party? (e.g. Bachelor/bachelorette parties, gifts, etc)

FOOD & DRINK

- ☐ Will there be alcohol?
- ☐ Will we have a full dinner, snacks, something else? No food at all?
- ☐ Why type of food to we want?
- ☐ What type of drinks do we want?
- ☐ Will we cater the food or have a family member make it?
- ☐ How much should we spend on food?
- ☐ Will we have lunch/snacks for the bridal party?
- ☐ Will we take a to-go dinner?

WEDDING CEREMONY

- ☐ Will we do a first look? Or will we see each other for the first time as we walk down the aisle?
- ☐ Can guests have their cell phones out during the ceremony for pictures?
- ☐ What time will the wedding start?
- ☐ Will we write our own vows?
- ☐ Will our families sit together or apart? (i.e. a his and her side)
- ☐ Who will walk down the aisle? (i.e. grandparents, parents, bridal party, etc)
- ☐ Who will walk each of us down the aisle? *(Note: It's typically customary for the bride's father or step-father to walk her down the aisle. There's no clear "tradition" for the groom. We opted to have the groom walk his mother down the aisle and to her seat as his father trailed behind).*
- ☐ Who will be the ring bearer/flower girl? Will we have one?
- ☐ Who will officiate the wedding?
- ☐ Are there any fun or non-traditional elements we want to include? (e.g.: communion, lighting candles, sand pouring, tying of a cord, family prayer, dance intro)
- ☐ Will we have ushers or allow guests to seat themselves?

WEDDING RECEPTION

- ☐ Will we have a dance?
- ☐ Will we have assigned seating or can people sit where they want?
- ☐ Will we have a DJ?
- ☐ Will we have dessert? If so, what kind?
- ☐ Do you want to smash cake or eat it normally?
- ☐ Will we have time set aside for just us?
- ☐ Will we have speeches? If so, who will give them?

- ☐ What time will we leave for the night?
- ☐ How should we leave for the night? (e.g. just leave, sparklers, rice, confetti)
- ☐ Will we have a first dance?
- ☐ Will we have a mother/son dance? Will we have a father/daughter dance?
- ☐ Will we give guests take home goodies?

AFTER THE WEDDING

- ☐ Who will write thank you notes?
- ☐ When will we write thank you notes?
- ☐ How will we open gifts? (e.g. together, with family, etc)
- ☐ Who will be responsible for getting our gifts out of the venue? Where will they take the gifts?

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