



# Gay Wedding Ideas

Planning and Inspiration

“How To Plan Your Gay Wedding Checklist”

Listed below are all the topics discussed in The Official Gay Wedding Ideas “**How To Plan Your Gay Wedding Guide**” consolidated into an easy-to-print document. This is an easy way to start planning and see an overview of the outstanding tasks. So you stay on track for your big day.

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## 9-12 Months From Wedding Day

- Announce your engagement
- Choose a wedding date (check with must attends before choosing final date)
- Selecting the wedding style you want: time of day, formality, number of guests, location
- Determine budget and how expenses will be distributed
- Hire a wedding consultant **(if it's in the budget)**
- Host an engagement party for family and friends
- Develop a record-keeping system for payments made
- Buy a wedding calendar to record any and all important dates
- Form the complete guest list (your guests and your partners guests broken down into three categories)
  1. Essential Guests to be Invited
  2. Those Who Should Be Invited **(this includes plus ones )**
  3. Those Who Should Be Invited If Possible
- Select and reserve ceremony site
- Select and reserve reception site
- Select and reserve your officiate
- Select your color scheme
- Select and order your wedding attire (suits, bridal gowns and headpieces)
- Select maid of honor or mister of honor , best man or best woman, bridesmaids and ushers (approx. one usher per 50 guests)
- Select a wedding photographer
- Take engagement photos

## 6-9 Months From Wedding

- Start working out and begin a solid beauty/skin care routine
- Set up your wedding website – choose a hashtag you'll use to track photos on social media
- Create your gift registry
- Select flower girl and ring bearer
- Reserve wedding night honeymoon suite
- Select wedding party attire: suits, dresses, shoes, and accessories
- Select and book caterer
- Select and reserve ceremony/reception musicians or dj
- Schedule fittings and delivery dates for yourself, wedding party, flower girl or ring bearer
- Select and book videographer
- Select and book florist
- Consider writing will and/or prenuptial agreement

## 4-6 Months From Wedding Day

- Reserve rental items needed for ceremony and reception
- Complete total guest list
- Purchase Wedding Announcements; Thank You Notes; Invitations & Envelopes; Ceremony Programs; Response Cards & Envelopes; Seating Cards; Save-the-Date Cards; Location Map; Napkins; and Other Stationery
- Address invitations or hire a calligrapher
- Set date, time and location for your rehearsal dinner
- Create list of DIY projects and start working on them
- Select and book all other necessary services (ex. Valet parking, wedding registry)
- Purchase your shoes and accessories

## 2-4 Months From Wedding Day

- Select bakery and order wedding cake
- Order party favors
- Select and order wedding decorations
- Purchase honeymoon attire and luggage
- Select and book transportation for wedding day
- Check marriage license requirements
- Shop for wedding rings and engrave them

## 6-8 Weeks From Wedding Day

- Mail invitations. Include accommodation choices and address for ceremony and reception sites.
- Maintain a record of RSVPs and all gifts received. Send thank you notes upon receipt of gifts.
- Decide hair style and or makeup (if this applies )
- Schedule to have your hair, makeup and nails done the day of the wedding
- Finalize shopping for wedding day accessories such as toasting glasses, ring pillow, guest book,
- Set up an area or a table in your home to display gifts as you receive them
- Send wedding announcement and photograph to your local newspapers
- Select and reserve wedding attire for groom, ushers, father of the bride and ring bearer
- Select a guest book attendant. Decide where and when to have guests sign in.
- Mail invitations to rehearsal dinner
- Obtain marriage license
- Plan a luncheon or dinner with your bridesmaids/groomsmen. Give them their gifts at that time or at the rehearsal dinner.
- Finalize your menu, beverage and alcohol order

## 2 to 6 Weeks Before Wedding

- Write your vows
- Confirm ceremony details with your officiant
- Arrange final fitting for members of your wedding party attire (suits, dresses)
- Have final fitting of your wedding attire
- Finalize rehearsal dinner plans; arrange seating and write names on place cards
- Make final floral selections
- Make a detailed timeline for your wedding party
- Make a detailed timeline for your service providers
- Confirm details with all service providers. Give them copy of your wedding timeline.
- Start packing for your honeymoon
- Contact guests who haven't responded
- Pick up rings and check for fit
- Continue writing thank-you notes as gifts arrive
- Remind bridesmaids/groomsmen and ushers of when and where to pick up their wedding attire
- Form a wedding ceremony/reception seating chart and give to ushers.
- Make arrangements for the care of any pets you may have

## The Last Week

- Pick up wedding attire and make sure everything fits
- Do final guest count and notify your caterer or reception site manager
- Gather everything you will need for the rehearsal and wedding day
- Arrange for someone to drive the getaway car
- Review wedding event schedule and last minute arrangements with your service providers
- Confirm all honeymoon reservations and accommodations. Pick up tickets and travelers check.
- Finish packing your suitcases for the honeymoon
- Familiarize yourself with guests' names. It will come in handy during the receiving line and reception.
- Have the Post Office hold your mail while you are away on your honeymoon

## The Rehearsal

- Review list of things to bring to the rehearsal
- Put suitcases in getaway car
- Give your bridesmaids the lipstick, nail polish and accessories you want them to wear for the wedding
- Give best man/woman the officiant's fee and any other checks for service providers **(if not taken care of by the wedding consultant.)**
- Instruct him/her to deliver these checks the day of the wedding.
- Arrange for someone to bring accessories such as flower basket, ring pillow, guest book and pen, toasting glasses, cake cutting knife and napkins to the ceremony and reception
- Arrange for someone to return rental items after the wedding
- Provide each member of the wedding party a detailed schedule for the wedding day
- Review ceremony seating with ushers

## Wedding Day

- Review list of things to bring to the ceremony
- Give the rings to the maid of honor/ mister of honor or best man/best woman
- Simply follow your detailed schedule of events

## After The Wedding

- Change name and address on driver's license, social security card, insurance policies, subscriptions, bank accounts, memberships, etc.