



So you're getting married! Now what?

First off, congratulations! This should be one of the most exciting times in your life, but most couples wind up becoming extremely stressed. Don't worry – you don't have to end up like them. Follow these simple guidelines to make for a less stressful planning process.

Pick a few dates that would work for you and your future spouse, especially if you plan on getting married within the year. That way, if you love a venue and they don't have your first choice available, you already have another date in mind to ask about.

Make decisions and stick to them! It is okay to waffle back and forth at the beginning, but once you make a decision, don't change it. You will make yourselves crazy deciding if you made the right choice or not. Probably your first choice is the right choice.

Remember that this is about both partners. Many couples wind up having one person

take the lead on wedding planning, and then the other partner winds up being resentful of at least one decision that is made. Do this together! Remember: you will be making decisions together for the rest of your lives. Think of this as practice for the future.

Make decisions based on what is going to be best for you and your partner. There is always stress from family, especially if they are paying for the reception. Be considerate of their wishes, but keep in mind that this is your day.

Remember that, although this is one of the best days of your life, it is just one day...and if the Mason jars aren't all exactly the same, it's not the end of the world!

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