

Merrime's Tips For A *Stress-Free* Wedding!

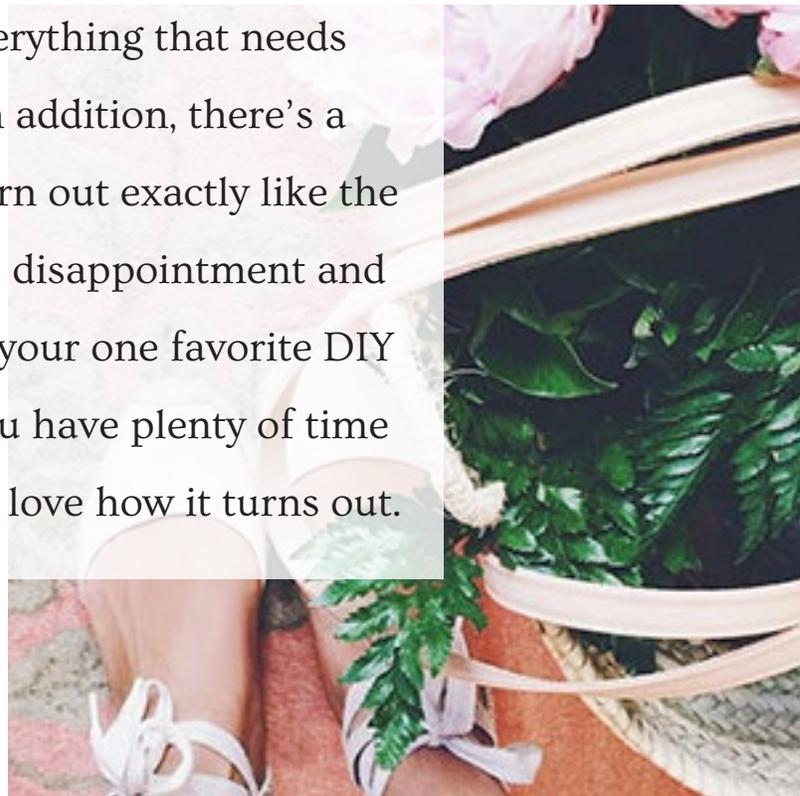


Trust the Pros!

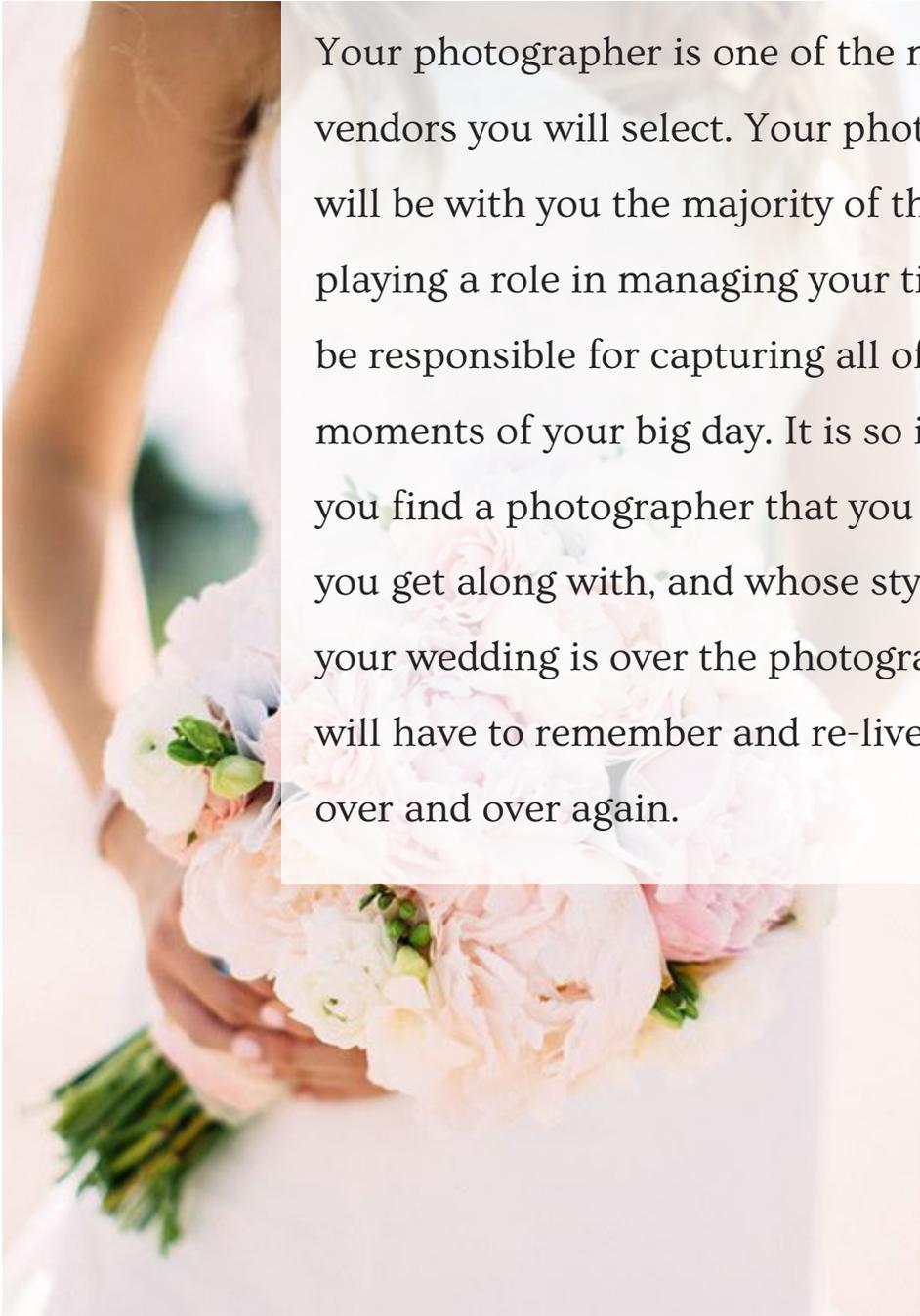
While there is a cost to hiring professional vendors, they are worth every penny! Their passion, dedication and focus is to provide you with their best product or service. Professionals have the knowledge and experience to make your day run smoothly. Professional vendors know what works and what doesn't work, so they can save you a lot of time and stress from trying to figure it out on your own. Your wedding day is one of the biggest and most important days of your whole life, so leaving the many to-do items in the hands of professionals is a very smart decision.

Keep DIY to a Minimum

We all love Pinterest, and we agree that it is a great place to get ideas and inspiration. It can be easy though to underestimate the complexity of certain DIY projects for your wedding. If there's one DIY item or project that stands out to you as extra special then we definitely encourage you having that unique element at your wedding. However, when you incorporate too many DIY projects it can feel overwhelming and become nearly impossible to complete everything that needs to be done the way you want it. In addition, there's a chance that your project won't turn out exactly like the Pinterest picture which can cause disappointment and frustration. So narrow it down to your one favorite DIY project and plan ahead so that you have plenty of time to complete it and make sure you love how it turns out.



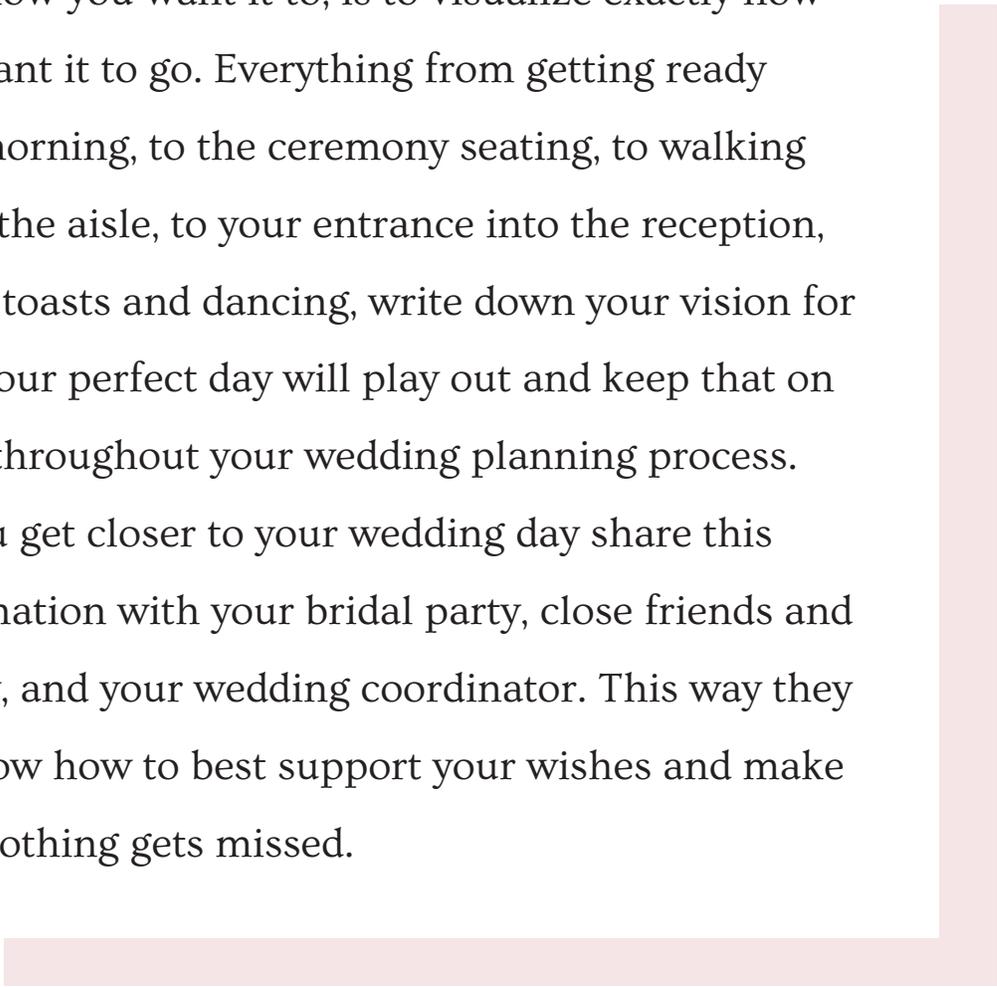
Invest in the Right Photographer

A close-up photograph of a bride's hands holding a large bouquet of flowers. The bouquet is composed of various types of white and light pink flowers, including what appear to be peonies and roses, with green foliage interspersed. The bride is wearing a white dress, and the background is softly blurred, showing more of the bouquet and the bride's arm.

Your photographer is one of the most important vendors you will select. Your photographer will be with you the majority of the day, will be playing a role in managing your timeline, and will be responsible for capturing all of the magical moments of your big day. It is so important that you find a photographer that you click with, that you get along with, and whose style you share. After your wedding is over the photographs are what you will have to remember and re-live your wedding day over and over again.

Visualize YOUR *Dream Wedding* *and Take Notes!*

One of the best ways to ensure your wedding day goes how you want it to, is to visualize exactly how you want it to go. Everything from getting ready that morning, to the ceremony seating, to walking down the aisle, to your entrance into the reception, to the toasts and dancing, write down your vision for how your perfect day will play out and keep that on hand throughout your wedding planning process. As you get closer to your wedding day share this information with your bridal party, close friends and family, and your wedding coordinator. This way they all know how to best support your wishes and make sure nothing gets missed.





Make Lists

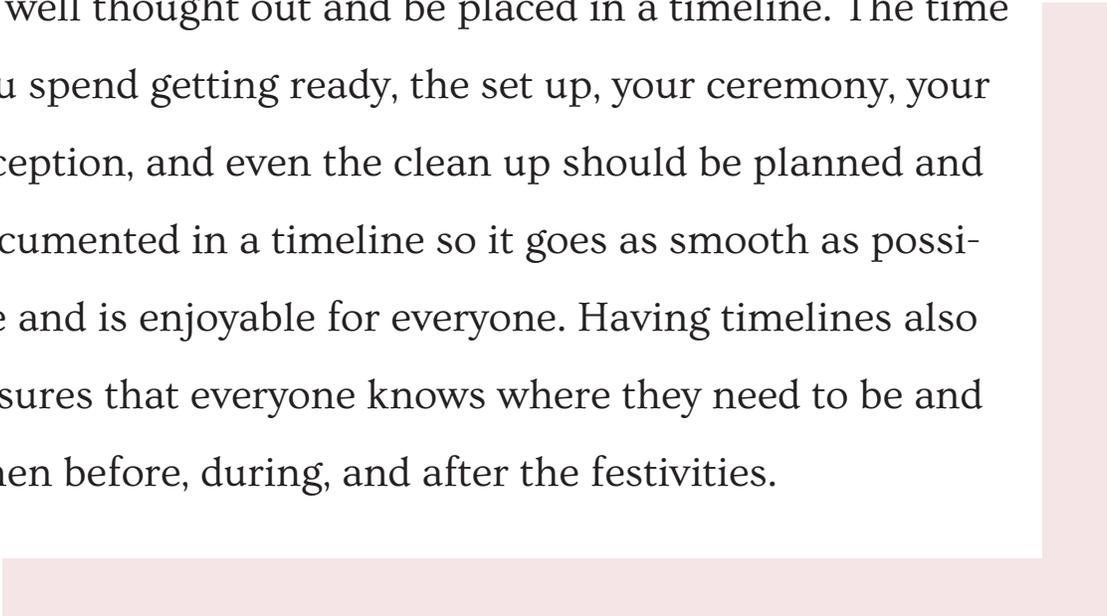
(and lots of them!)

We believe checklists are one of the best ways to stay organized. We recommend making lists for many different aspects of your wedding, including but not limited to:

- Guest list (to manage addresses, invites, RSVPs and thank yous)
- Decor list (and whether rented, borrowed, or purchased)
- List of important people (family and friends) helping with the wedding, and what their duties are
- Bridal party attire and accessories (and whether rented or purchased)
- List of specific formal photos you want (i.e. family photos)
- Vendor list with contact information

Create Timelines

Everything that takes place on your wedding day should be well thought out and be placed in a timeline. The time you spend getting ready, the set up, your ceremony, your reception, and even the clean up should be planned and documented in a timeline so it goes as smooth as possible and is enjoyable for everyone. Having timelines also ensures that everyone knows where they need to be and when before, during, and after the festivities.





We wish you the best of luck in planning your wedding and hope your day is absolutely magical and everything you dream it will be! If there is any additional helpful advice or information we can share with you please give us a call, we are here to help!