**Helpful hints for a great wedding:**

1. Hire a Wedding Planner/Coordinator:   The earlier you get onto it, the easier, and less stressful it will be as your day approaches. Having a clear plan before you start will help you keep on top of everything and be sure that you don’t forget something important. You must ask yourself:  What is our budget?  How many guests?  What season?

2.  Make it a point to be selective with the guest list:  Sorting the guest list early is important so you can then focus on finding the perfect venue that will cater for your chosen number of guests. Costs per head will most likely be your biggest expense, so don’t be guilt–tripped into inviting people you don’t want to come. It’s the biggest and hardest decision in the whole planning process, but it has to be yours and your h2b’s decision only.

3.  Photography & Videography:  Your wedding album and video is how you’ll relive the cherished memories of your day, so don’t underestimate the importance of a good photographer/videographer. Research carefully and find someone who understands exactly what you want. Engagement shoots are a great idea too, because you’ll get to know your photographer better as well as practice your poses!  Ask your wedding planner to refer you to the right people they work with and you can save as much as 35% over other vendors because they can get repeat work from your planner. If your budget does not allow for you to have a videographer, your photographer usually captures on his or her DSLR equipment, the moment when you are husband and wife, and for an extra fee, a photo montage till the last 3 minutes of “sealing your vows with a kiss” filmed, will be a wonderful keepsake to share with family and friends that you will always cherish. This will be edited like a film and is a wonderful compromise for a lower budget.

4.  Get the Menu Right:   One of the biggest talking points at any wedding is the food. From opulent sit-downs and buffets to bake offs and mini fish ‘n’ chips, the quirkier the better! Avoid skimping in this area – hungry guests are never a good thing!

5. Feel fabulous, but don’t overdo it:  Everyone wants to look fab in their wedding photos, so if you’d like a confidence boost, now’s the time to adopt a healthy eating plan and practice a few simple exercises to tone your body. On the other hand, going on an extreme diet is definitely not a good idea.  Just remember that your groom wants to marry you exactly the way you are!

**P.S.  Some helpful links:**

<https://www.annsbridalbargains.com/?strSourceCode=EXTRASALE&utm_source=ANNSDefault&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=66269&utm_content=ANNS_BLAST_101720%20-%20EXTRASALEKM-Clickers&utm_term=ANNS_BLAST_101720%20-%20EXTRASALE>

<https://www.foreverweddingfavors.com/collections/cheap-wedding-favors>

<https://greenweddingshoes.com/best-wedding-shoes-online/>

<https://www.brides.com/best-places-to-buy-wedding-dresses-online-4783904>

<https://www.theknot.com/marketplace/east-coast-events-photovideo-by-luminare-new-york-ny-2039444>

Free 30 minute consultation: Ask anything you want within the 30 minutes and we will help you with what we know from the top of our “heads!”

We’d be glad to email you resources you need if you’d like us to do a “long distance” coordination service for a $200 which includes:

* Finding you a venue in your city and state within your budget
* On-line links that have been tested “tried and true” for favors, invites, bridesmaid dresses and other services.
* Where to go for ideas should you have no idea on how to start.
* 50 Free Save the Dates with a photo you email us! ($100 value)