

H&H Group presents our 2018

LOOK BOOK & EVENT GUIDE

YOUR GUIDE TO CREATING AN
UNFORGETTABLE EVENT



A romantic scene of a couple embracing on a beach at sunset. The man is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored shirt, with his arms around the woman. The woman is wearing a white dress. The background shows the ocean and a bright sunset sky with silhouettes of palm trees.

DO'S & DONT'S OF ORGANISING A WEDDING OR PRIVATE EVENT

1. Have a budget in mind. This will determine a lot of choices you make such as the venue you can afford and the number of guests that you can invite. Know the limit you can go to and stay within those options.
2. Visit a variety of venue options. Even though you may want a beach wedding you just might fall in love with that country cottage.
3. Follow your instincts. You will get a feel for the level of service and attention you will receive on the day by seeing how you are treated from the start. Did the supplier respond promptly? Were your questions answered? Did you feel valued?
4. Have a trial run of as much as possible so that there are no surprises on the day. A quality supplier will be happy to give you samples of their product.
5. Find out what is included, even down to the tables and chairs. The cost will blow out quickly if you have to start paying for items that are not included.
6. Don't be afraid to negotiate, especially if your wedding or event is out of season (May – August) or mid week.
7. Ask family and friends for recommendations. Notice if a pattern forms. Vendors have a good and or bad reputation for a reason. Just because they have a fancy website or Facebook page doesn't always mean that they deliver what they promise.
8. Don't feel that you have to do it all alone. Many people have never planned a wedding or big event before. Look into the option of using a wedding or event planner. For the additional cost they are able to manage all the moving parts of your special day based on your budget and vision. They create, plan and host events as a profession and can eliminate a lot of stress for you.

ON TREND FOR 2018

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Harvest Tables. Change your traditional buffet into a farm feast by using rustic platters filled with seasonal wholefoods, chunks of sourdough, cured meats and dipping sauces

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Festoon Lighting. These ambient light globes can bring a space to life by draping them through your garden or awnings. A beautiful and cost effective alternative for outdoor lighting. Prices range from \$60-100 per 20m

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The Unique Bride. Grace Loves Lace specialise in effortless, luxurious and sophisticated, handmade wedding gowns from the finest European laces and silks. The lace used to manufacture these dresses is carefully chosen from select lace mills in Calais, France. The unique lace patterns and textures are meticulously handmade using Leaver Looms and century old techniques. Many of the laces are designed exclusively in Calais for Grace Loves Lace in small runs, which is why it is recommend brides order 5-18 months in advance of their wedding date.

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Dogwood Bouquets. Bridal bouquets have been wild and lush for some time now, but it will be all about one "overgrown" variety in particular: dogwood. Bridal bouquets made of only dogwood blooms will make a huge appearance in 2018.



CHECKLIST FOR BRIDES



* Confirm your wedding-day beauty appointments and get your manicure and pedicure. Buy the colours you end up using to fix any accidental last minute mishaps.



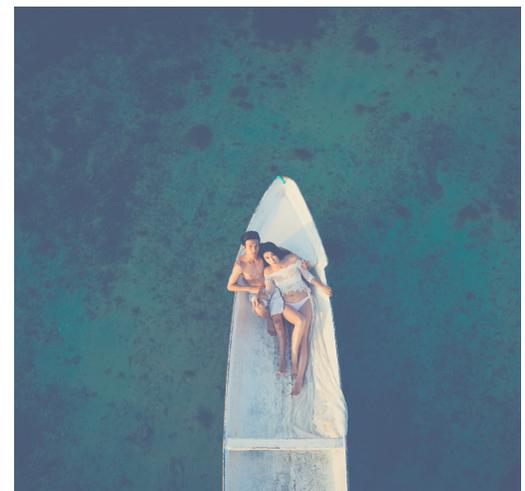
* Grooms - Get your haircut. It's all about the timing. If you head to the barber when you're more than a week out, your hair could look shaggy. Get it cut too close to the big day and you run the risk of looking like it's sixth grade photo.



* Grooms : pick up your suit. Brides: pick up your dress. Do one last fitting in the store before taking it home for any last minute alterations.



* Practice walking and dancing in your wedding shoes for a week or two leading up to your big day.



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- * Contact guests who have missed the RSVP deadline. You will need the final headcount for your caterer and venue.

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- * Communicate the wedding day schedule, all special duties, any important contact information to your parents, the wedding party, and/ or your wedding coordinator. It helps to stay on a schedule and eliminate some stress.

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- * Finalise all payments and cash tips into separate envelopes for each vendor. Give them to your chosen friend or family member to hand out on your wedding day. Ask him or her to greet each vendor and be the person of contact for questions and emergencies.

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- * Have your wedding coordinator or chosen person call and reconfirm every last detail with each of your vendors including time, date and location. Don't forget to provide them with contact info for their person of contact on the day of. You will be much too busy. Make sure your photographer has your shot list, your DJ has your song list, and that your venue knows when each vendor will be arriving to set up.



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* Share the final version of your seating chart with your wedding coordinator, caterer, venue manager, and host.

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* Provide drivers with a schedule and list of names, phone numbers, and addresses for pickup and drop off.

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* Pack for your honeymoon. Though your girls will make sure you're covered in the wedding-night lingerie, bikinis, sun dresses, and SPF 50 won't buy themselves.

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* Are you writing your own vows? Perhaps making a toast? Prepare all speeches now.

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* Gather a wedding-day emergency kit that includes fashion tape, safety pins, band-aids, mints, and a needle with thread that matches your dress.

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* Pack a bag for your wedding night. Ask someone to deliver it to the hotel where you'll be staying.

