EXPERT ADVICE

catching up with a...planner



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schedule some you time

As a bride, it's easy to get caught up in the planning process. Make sure you make time for yourself, and most of all, make sure you spend quality time with your family, bridal party members and future husband. Put down that checklist, log off the blogs and just relax.

set up a mock tablescape

When you're deciding on all the small details for your reception décor, you might lose sight of what everything will look like when put together. Having your planner coordinate a mock tablescape with your florist will guarantee that everything will look just the way you want it to, from the centerpieces down to how the silverware is arranged. And what better way to symbolize that your wedding day is right around the corner?

be welcoming

If you're having a destination wedding or inviting lots of guests from out of town, you want them to feel welcomed the second they arrive. Have a welcome basket in each room with local goodies, door hangers and a full list of events. Make it even more special by personalizing it with your and your hubby-to-be's monogram.

hire a certified wedding planner

As a bride, it's your opportunity to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime process, not get bogged down by all the minute details. Certified wedding planners are educated by a national organization and will have your best interests in mind. They can refer the most-professional vendors, and they know how to handle any emergency.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Go for a vintage vibe by finishing your cake with a bride-and-groom cake topper; crystal candelabras bursting with roses and greenery and finished with a few candles are romantic and elegant; make a grand exit through a shower of confetti; pink and red roses create a romantic ambience.



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