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The ABCs of wedding planning

Cupid arrived on the scene a few years ago and now you and your loved one have decided to unite your destinies. However, where to start..? Here are the ABCs of the essentials to help you plan your big day.

Remember, a ceremony as important as a wedding requires 12 to 18 months of preparation. The first thing to do is decide on a date and then organize a meeting between the two families. Establish a budget, the guest list and who you want as witnesses. Decide where you would like to hold the reception and find a place for the ceremony itself. During a meeting with the celebrant you will be able to find out which documents will be required.

Start shopping for the bridal gown, tuxedo and accessories for both the bride and groom six to ten months before the big day. Think about hiring caterers and draw up a menu with them (remember the cake!) Don't forget to hire an entertainer and a disc jockey or orchestra to create a festive atmosphere. Choose your wedding bands, consider flowers, car rental, a hotel room, reserve your honeymoon and make sure you have valid passports!

Time flies! Only three months before the big leap. Have you thought about sending out the invitations? Or how about gifts for the guests; the bridal bouquet; the master of ceremonies; speeches; hair, nail and make-up appointments... the marriage contract?!

Only one week left: Pack your suitcases, check the seating arrangements with the person in charge, review the small details and, the night before, go to bed early so that you'll be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for your big day.



Tying the knot!

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