20THINGS YOU MUST KNOW TO PLAN YOUR PERFECT WEDDING

(and avoid total disaster!)



The Ultimate 20 Point Wedding Checklist

1. Plan for All-Weather Glamour

British weather is unpredictable at best, so be ready for sun, rain, or both. Think pretty umbrellas, cosy shawls, or even matching wellies for a fun photo op.

2. Make It Uniquely Yours

Infuse your personalities into the day. Whether that's naming tables after your favourite pubs, a themed cocktail, or quirky vows. It's your story, so tell it your way!

3. Prioritise Guest Entertainment

Bored guests are your worst enemy. Live music, magicians, lawn games, or even a caricature artist can work wonders to keep the energy alive all day.

4. Give Your Guests a Snack Break

A long ceremony or late meal? Offer canapés, a grazing table, or even a tea station. Everyone love a good nibble between events.

5. Choose a Venue That Reflects You

Whether it's a grand manor, a rustic barn, or your favourite local pub, pick a spot that feels like you. It will make the whole day feel more personal.

6. Create a Killer Timeline

Ensure things flow naturally and that there's never a dull moment. Create a timeline from the moment your guests arrive to the final moments of the evening. Share the plan with your vendors and bridal party to keep everyone on the same page.

7. Keep the Kids Busy

A bouncy castle, a craft station, or even a kids' entertainer will keep the little ones happy (and their parents relaxed).

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8. Invest in Good Entertainment

A great band or DJ can make or break your reception. Don't be afraid to splurge here. It's what keeps people on the dance floor instead of heading home early.

9. Incorporate Local or Cultural Touches

Add a nod to your roots or favourite places—think local specialties like Cornish pasties, Scottish ceilidh dancing, or even a proper English tea setup.

10. Make It Comfortable for Guests

Blankets for chilly evenings, flip-flops for tired feet, or a basket of essentials in the loos (mints, deodorant, safety pins) go a long way in showing you care.

11. Add Personal Details Everywhere

Handwritten notes for guests, a customised playlist, or a slideshow of your journey as a couple will make the day feel warm and unique.

12. Capture the Moment Creatively

Alongside your photographer, consider a Polaroid guestbook, a retro photo booth, or a videographer who can create a highlights reel you'll treasure forever.

13. Plan a Fun Surprise for Guests

Unexpected entertainment, like a flash mob, fireworks, or a surprise first dance, will have everyone buzzing.

14. Provide Late-Night Food

Once the drinks are flowing, the dancing's in full swing, guests will be grateful for bacon butties, pizza, or a classic chip van.

15. Nail the Speeches

Keep them short, sweet, and heartfelt. Let your speakers know five minutes is fine. Ten if they're really funny!

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16. Don't Forget the Quiet Moments

Weddings can be a whirlwind, so carve out time just for the two of you. Sneak off for 10 minutes and soak it all in—you'll thank yourself later.

17. Surprise with Entertainment During Downtime

Got a gap between the ceremony and the meal? Consider a string quartet, a live painter, or even a pub quiz to keep guests engaged.

18. Be Thoughtful About Favours

Give guests something they'll actually use—mini bottles of your favourite drink, personalised biscuits, or seeds to plant in their garden.

19. Plan a Show-Stopping Finale

Whether it's sparklers, a confetti cannon, or an epic last dance, end the night with a bang (literally or figuratively).

20. Embrace the Imperfections

Something will go off-plan, and that's okay! A wedding is about love and joy, not perfection. Laugh it off, enjoy the day, and remember—it's yours.

By focusing on entertainment, personal touches, and thoughtful planning, you'll create a day that feels authentic, fun, and unforgettable for everyone involved.

Make the day reflect you as a couple, be true to yourselves and dare to be different!

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