



## NEWLY ENGAGED WEDDING PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

*So you recently got engaged—CONGRATULATIONS! Let's start planning!*

The first thing you need to do is make sure you and your future spouse are on the same page—so there are no surprises, arguments, or hurt feelings during what should be a fun process of personalizing your wedding. Print off two copies of this questionnaire. Give one to your spouse-to-be and fill them out separately. After you both are finished, compare answers. Discuss the reasons for your choices.

By the time you are finished, you should have a clear vision of what is important to you as a couple.

*Rate the following in order of importance  
(1 being the most important)*

- Food
- Liquor
- Apparel
- Decor, Setting, Theme, & Ambience
- Music
- Convenience
- Spirituality
- Photography
- Family and Friends

*When I look back on our wedding,  
I want to most remember (choose 1)*

- How fun everything was
- How romantic it was
- How beautiful it was
- How proper and tasteful everything was
- How smoothly everything went  
(Hire a Wedding Planner!)
- How happy my parents and family were
- How relaxed I was (Hire a Wedding Planner!)
- How personalized and unique it was

*Circle two to three words that you  
think will describe your wedding*

- Fun Romantic Classic Unique Loving
- Classy Tasteful Glamorous Elegant
- Funky Casual Relaxed Formal Themed
- Luxurious Decadent Memorable
- Old-fashioned Kitschy Preppy Sporty
- Morning Afternoon Evening Rustic
- Coordinated Cute Solemn Religious
- Secular Traditional Other

*Even though you may not yet have put  
together a budget or know who is contributing to  
your wedding, select how much you think your  
wedding should cost (choose 1, and afterwards  
check out our customizable budget planner)*

- Less than \$5,000
- \$5,000-\$10,000
- \$10,000-\$25,000
- \$25,000-\$45,000
- \$45,000-\$70,000
- \$70,000-\$100,000
- more than \$100,000

*How many attendants do you want to have each?*

- 1 - 2
- 3 - 4
- 5 - 6
- the more the merrier!

*I envision my wedding being*

- an intimate ceremony with just close family and friends
- just the two of us
- 100 - 150 guests
- 150 - 200 guests
- a blow-out celebration because we come from large families

*I want to get married (choose 1)*

- in the spring
- in the summer
- in the fall
- in the winter
- on our anniversary
- on an easy-to-remember date
- on a holiday (Valentine's Day, New Year's, etc.)
- on my parents' wedding anniversary
- over a long weekend
- on another special date \_\_\_\_\_

*What type of wedding ceremony venue appeals to you the most? Choose 1.*

- Rustic Outdoor
- Elegant Outdoor
- Traditional Church
- Unique and Eclectic
- Courthouse
- Scenic Backdrop
- Theater
- Hotel/Resort

*What type of reception venue appeals to you the most? Choose 1.*

- Rustic Outdoor
- Elegant Outdoor
- Indoor Ballroom
- Unique and Eclectic
- Tent
- Barn
- Art Gallery
- Hotel/Resort
- Restaurant

*Colors that might make good wedding colors (circle 3 or 4)*

- Red Green Yellow Blue Purple Lilac Amethyst  
Eggplant Lavender Wine Bordeaux Burgundy  
Sky Blue Turquoise Teal Royal Blue Navy  
Midnight Blue Raspberry Light Pink Hot Pink  
Fuschia Coral Magenta Peach Tangerine  
Apricot Pumpkin Orange Curry Mustard  
Brown Chocolate Brown Camel Tan Beige  
Apple Green Grass Green Kelly Green  
Mint Green Lime Green Moss Hunter Green  
Sapphire Deep Aqua Gold Silver White Black  
Bronze Copper Cream Champagne Vanilla Grey

## NEXT STEPS

Once you have filled the questionnaire out, use your answers to start planning your wedding!

- 1 Discuss your budget with anyone who is contributing
- 2 Allocate a greater percentage of your budget to the items you agree are the most important
- 3 Choose your date
- 4 Pick up a copy of **WV Weddings** magazine so that you have the most comprehensive gathering of West Virginia wedding venues and vendors and tag your favorite weddings, then:
  - a. Identify what it is about each wedding you liked: The color, the venue, the photographs, the details, etc.
  - b. Make a list of five venues you are interested in visiting and set up appointments
  - c. Make a list of five photographers whose work featured in the magazine appeals to you and contact them. Once you choose one, have them take your engagement photographs.
  - d. Submit your engagement to **WV Weddings** by visiting [www.weddingsmagazine.com](http://www.weddingsmagazine.com).

