

A close-up photograph of a bride's upper body and hands. She is wearing a white, strapless wedding dress and a delicate necklace. She is holding a large, lush bouquet of flowers, including several large, light pink roses, smaller white flowers, and greenery. The background is softly blurred, showing a bright, indoor setting.

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WEDDING PLANNING TIPS

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Learn the most critical wedding planning steps from [Samantha and the Crimson Edge Events](#)



PRE- PLANNING

BEFORE YOU SPEND A PENNY ON YOUR WEDDING, DEAL WITH THESE SEVEN CRITICAL ITEMS

01

CHOOSE YOUR WEDDING DATE

The date you choose will significantly impact your wedding plans - from the budget to the colour scheme. Pick wisely

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COMPLETE YOUR GUEST LIST

Narrow that guest list down. Food and beverage will be your biggest expense, so less guests = more \$\$ to spend elsewhere.

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FINALIZE YOUR BUDGET

Talk with family members who may help with financing the wedding and establish the budget. Then stick to it.

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HIRE A PLANNER

The best time to hire a wedding planner is in the early planning stages before you get overwhelmed. We're here to help!

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PICK YOUR WEDDING TYPE

Identifying the style of your wedding early on will help determine what time of day to hold your wedding, the venue, and the types of services you choose.

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SELECT YOUR COLOUR SCHEME

This fun task can be as easy as raiding your closet and finding colours you love!

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CREATE YOUR PLANNING TIMELINE

After completing all of these tasks, you'll want to keep yourself organized and on task with a thorough planning timeline.



SHOPPING

AFTER ALL OF YOUR SOUL-SEARCHING DURING THE PRE-PLANNING, YOU FINALLY GET TO PUT YOUR PLANS INTO ACTION. IT'S TIME TO SHOP!

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INTERVIEWING

When interviewing vendors, look at personality as well as quality of work. Have a list of thorough questions to make sure each vendor understands your vision and falls within your budget.

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CHOOSING YOUR VENUE

Whether you're getting married in your family's church or traveling to an exotic destination, your venue should fit your wedding's style and your personalities.

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NEGOTIATING CONTRACTS

If you're not working with a wedding planner, you'll have to negotiate your own vendor contracts. Always get everything in writing and read the fine print. Don't forget to note payment deadlines!

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FINDING SPECIAL TOUCHES

One of the most exciting parts about shopping for your wedding is finding the personal touches for your big day. Whether you use family heirlooms, DIY, or buy new items, be sure they reflect YOU.

ORGANIZING



GET EVERYTHING ORGANIZED SO SOMEONE ELSE CAN EXECUTE THE WEDDING DAY...AND YOU CAN ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT!

12 REVIEW VENDOR CONTRACTS

Create a chart listing each vendor's name, fee, payment method, deposit amounts, and balances due. Be sure all payments are on time.

13 FINALIZE THE TIMELINE

If you don't have a wedding planner, you need to create a detailed timeline and send it to all vendors.

14 CREATE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOT LIST

Draft a photo list for your photographer that includes any shots they might not anticipate.

15 CREATE A SEATING CHART

Present the caterer and venue with a seating chart that includes special requests and guest meal selections help!

16 PLAN THE ORDER OF SCHEDULE

Work with the DJ or emcee to specify processional order as well as song selections. Be sure to include everything on the agenda!

17 MAKE AN INVENTORY

Inventory all of the items you want set out for your ceremony and reception. Specify where they should be set out and returned.



ABOUT CRIMSON EDGE EVENTS

Founded by company owner Samantha Dewarimez in 2010, Crimson Edge Events has built a respected reputation working with many happy couples.

For more than 9 years, Crimson Edge Events has maintained excellent partnerships with some of the largest and most popular wedding venues in the Cape Winelands area.

Crimson Edge Events strives to provide a personalized touch and exceptional customer service to our clients, and we are committed to creating a trusting and genuine relationship with you and your family as you begin this new chapter in your lives.

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