



# Groom's Guide

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- Ask your bride's father (or family member) for a marriage blessing.
- Tell your families and friends that you got engaged.
- Communicate with your bride-to-be and ask her what tasks you can help with. Listen, Listen, Listen.
- Sign up & get free planning tools at [www.vpweddingplanner.com](http://www.vpweddingplanner.com)
- Choose a best man.
- Choose your groomsmen (use one usher per 50 guests).
- Discuss who will be paying for the wedding, if relevant, and start a wedding budget.
- Find and reserve locations for the ceremony and the reception.
- Go over health insurance information, legal papers and get a pre-nup if necessary.
- Start a guest list - get input from your parents (you usually only send announcements to people you are inviting to the wedding).
- Register for wedding gifts (get this over with early so friends & family can buy gifts for engagement events).
- Pick out and order tuxes and accessories.
- Help with thank-you notes before and after the wedding.
- Make sure groomsmen have info for ordering tuxes.
- Get a marriage license (blood test needed in most states).
- Buy and insure the wedding rings.
- Finalize date and time.
- Hire a photographer.
- Hire a videographer.
- Do a cake tasting and pick out groom's cake.
- Find a caterer and choose menu.
- Send out invitations.
- Order alcohol for the reception.
- Reserve wedding night accommodations.
- Meet with the officiant.
- Schedule any pre-nuptial classes or counseling (sometimes required by religions).
- Prepare your vows.
- Arrange transportation for the entire wedding party for the wedding day events (consider that you will be arriving separately, but leaving as a couple).
- Buy your groomsmen gifts.
- Buy a special wedding day gift for your new spouse.
- Plan the honeymoon.
- Have a bachelor party.
- Prepare toasts.
- Get a haircut and manicure.
- Do something sweet for your bride-to-be.