

# CONGRATULATIONS YOU JUST GOT ENGAGED

*what to do next?*

## GETTING STARTED CHECKLIST

- ESTABLISH YOUR "MUSTS" AND "MEHS."** Musts: gotta have it!  
Mehs: meh, that would be cool, but we could go without. Take some time to talk as a couple and decide what your dream wedding looks/feels like. (make sure to also download our **Must and Meh Date Night Worksheet!**)
  
- START TALKING NUMBERS.** While you may not be ready to set an overall wedding budget quite yet (and that's okay!), here are some questions to ask as you get started: *Who will be contributing financially to the wedding? Just us? Our parents and families?*
  
- WHO WILL BE COMING?** What is our approximate guest count? For now, a guesstimate will do. Having this in place will help as you choose a venue with the right guest capacity.
  
- GET ORGANIZED.** Create a new gmail account specifically for the wedding. (ex. SmithWedding@gmail.com) to help keep all venue + vendor correspondence organized. Having a gmail account will also give you access to Google Drive, which is a great place to create budget spreadsheets and store vendor contracts (it's all free!)
  
- RESEARCH AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO TOUR VENUES.** After doing a little research online, we recommend narrowing it down to your top three venues based on your "musts" for vision, budget, and guest count. Just like you knew your fiancé(e) was "the one"... once you begin touring venues, you will know which one is a perfect fit for the two of you! (See our Venue Visits Guides as you begin the touring process)

# MUSTS & MEHS

## date night worksheet

Schedule a date night with your new fiancé(e) and start discussing your wedding musts and mehs. Musts: gotta have it, can't live without it! Meh's: meh, that would be cool, we could go without. Some good questions to ask:

**WHICH WEDDING VENDORS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO US? (PHOTOGRAPHY, VENUE, CATERING, FLORAL, ETC.) THIS WILL BE HELPFUL AS YOU BEGIN WORKING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE BUDGET.**

**WHAT IS OUR WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE? DO WE WANT TO GET MARRIED NEXT MONTH? NEXT YEAR? WHICH SEASON?**

**WHAT DOES OUR DREAM WEDDING LOOK LIKE? DO WE WANT TO GET MARRIED OUTDOORS OR INDOORS? COLOR PALETTE? LIVE BAND OR DJ? ETC..**



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