



Tips From the Experts

Get Your Groom Involved



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Six Ways to Get Your Groom Involved in Planning Your Wedding

1) Ask him to plan the wedding with you.

So he finally popped the question and now you can't wait to start planning your dream wedding. Before you dive into bridal magazines, wedding shows and Pinterest boards; consider sitting down with your groom to see if he wants to be involved in the planning process. It sounds simple, but actually asking him to help you could make a big difference. It is a common misconception that the bride and her mom will do all of the wedding planning and it's the groom's job just to show up. Your groom may not know that you want his involvement. If you let him know from the start that you value his input, then he is more likely to want to be a part of the planning process.

2) Get him involved.

A great way to initially get your groom excited about the wedding is to include him in the venue selection. Create a list of the kind of venues you are both interested in and attend site tours together. A great way to make it a fun process is by enjoying lunch and a drink at the venue during your visit. Don't overwhelm your guy by scheduling a ton of visits in one day. Try to limit it to 2-3 venue tours in one day, so that it does not become boring or exhausting.

Ask your groom which vendors he has an opinion about and be sure to involve him in selecting those service providers. If he does not show an interest in florists or photographers, don't force him. There may be parts of wedding planning that he is just not interested in and that is okay.



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3) Don't drag him to the girly stuff.

If your guy is not interested in attending wedding shows, let him stay home and watch football. Instead, invite your mom and girlfriends to go with you. If flowers aren't his thing, consult with your florist without him. Appreciate the aspects of wedding planning that he shows an interest in and ask your bridesmaids to help with the areas he is not.

4) Support his opinions and ideas.

If you want your groom's opinion, don't immediately shoot down all of his ideas. His choice in wedding cake may not be your first selection, but if it's something that he cares about go for it. Making him feel like he is an active part of the planning process and that his opinions matter will encourage him to continue helping you.

5) Give him projects.

What is your guy good at? Can he help you build that super cute DIY (do-it-yourself) project that you found on Pinterest? If he's into music, ask him to help to put together a list of songs for your DJ. Is he a great negotiator? Put him in charge of negotiating your vendor contracts. Tap into his interests and strengths. He will want to stay involved if he can help with the things that he likes. He'll also feel proud of the projects that he accomplishes.



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6) Designate a "wedding planning" time.

Don't discuss the wedding with your groom 24 hours a day; you'll drive him absolutely nuts. Consider establishing a day of the week where you discuss your wedding plans. For example, Thursday nights could be your chat nights to go over where things are at and what needs to be done. You could designate a few Saturdays a month for vendor meetings and projects. However you make it work, don't let the planning your wedding consume your life!

Finally, keep in mind that your groom may not want to be involved in everything. Don't get mad at him if he's not as interested in wedding planning as you are. Appreciate the parts of the process that he wants to participate in and ask the ladies in your life to help with the rest. If you start to feel overwhelmed, consider hiring a wedding planner. A planner can step in and help with the areas of wedding planning that even you are getting frustrated with. This should be a fun and exciting time in both of your lives, don't let it get you stressed out!

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