

50

TOP TIPS THAT ALL
BRIDES-TO-BE
MUST KNOW



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HEY BRIDE-TO-BE 🙌

I'm Hannah, owner of Masonic Makeup and that's my little sidekick Leo.

After working on hundreds of weddings, it's fair to say I've seen and heard it all.

So, to help you feel as prepared and confident as possible, I've created this guide with my top 50 tips every bride-to-be should know to make the lead-up to your day feel calm, organised, and completely magical.

Let's dive in.

Love,
Hannah x



6 MONTHS+ BEFORE THE WEDDING

1. Create a wedding-specific email address for all supplier communication, to stop things getting lost in your personal inbox.
2. Set up a free wedding website and include a QR code on your invitations to make it easy for guests to RSVP and find key details.
3. Book your core wedding suppliers as soon as your venue and date are confirmed, ideally 12-18 months in advance.
4. If you're having your dress altered, ask your seamstress to save some offcuts so you can turn them into a keepsake.
5. Book your hair and makeup trials for the same morning so you can see the full look together. Bonus points if you book a dress fitting that afternoon.
6. Planning a spray tan? Book a trial in advance to make sure you're happy with the result.
7. Find out the earliest you can access your bridal suite to help plan your morning timeline.
8. Ask your hair and makeup artists to work from one shared schedule so the morning flows smoothly.
9. Choose button-down or loose-fit PJs to avoid messing up your hair and makeup. Steer clear of easily creased, see-through satin.
10. Bring someone with you to your final dress fitting so they know how to help you into your dress on the day.

2 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING ✨

1. Decide the order your bridal party will walk down the aisle so everyone knows what to expect.
2. If needed, work with your venue to set up a live stream so guests who can't attend can still be part of the day.
3. Display a simple order-of-the-day sign so guests know what's happening when.
4. Designate one safe spot for cards and gifts to avoid anything being misplaced.
5. Set up a kids' corner with snacks, books, or quiet games so little ones have somewhere to retreat to.
6. Choose two signature cocktails, one each from you and your partner, for a personal touch.
7. Put together a wedding day SOS kit with plasters, deodorant, pain relief, safety pins, white chalk, and a mini sewing kit.
8. Ask a bridesmaid or friend to create a fun wedding morning playlist. Don't leave it to chance.
9. Assign someone to hand out confetti just before the ceremony so everyone is ready.
10. Print your photo list and give it to a bridesmaid or groomsman with a pen so they can help keep things on track.

1 MONTH BEFORE THE WEDDING

1. Choose someone special to introduce you to your wedding breakfast instead of using the venue coordinator.
2. Spread out speeches between meal courses to avoid a solid block of talking.
3. Practise your first dance with your partner to help settle any nerves.
4. Pick a feel-good, upbeat song to follow your first dance and keep people on the dance floor.
5. Have backup shoes ready for you and your bridal party so everyone can dance comfortably later.
6. Plan your final song of the night in advance to end the party on a high.
7. If you're staying overnight at the venue, organise a breakfast the next morning with close family or friends.
8. Pack a morning-after kit with water, painkillers, and rehydration tablets to help with the post-wedding fog.
9. Share your Maid of Honour's contact details with suppliers in case they can't get hold of you.
10. Prepare a details box for your photographer with perfume, jewellery, invitation suite, shoes, and your something old, new, borrowed, and blue.

1 DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

1. Steam and hang dresses and remove tags or labels to avoid stress on the morning.
2. Take the stickers off the bottoms of your shoes as they can show in photos.
3. Ask your bridal party to save inspiration photos for hair and makeup to save time during prep.
4. Nominate someone to manage the guestbook and make sure everyone signs it.
5. Check sunset time and plan for golden hour photos, especially in autumn or winter.
6. Print and display your morning timeline (makeup, hair, photos, dresses, gifting, registrar) for everyone to follow.
7. Ask your bridal party to keep the getting-ready space tidy to keep clutter out of your photos.
8. Clean your engagement ring so it sparkles in every photo.
9. Set an alarm two hours before the ceremony for hairbands, bras, and socks to come off to avoid skin marks.
10. Plan a grazing-style breakfast with nibbles you can pick at if nerves mean you're not very hungry.

ON THE WEDDING MORNING

1. Ask your stylist to show someone how to remove your veil without disrupting your hair.
2. Match every celebratory drink with a glass of water so you stay hydrated.
3. Before changing, ask someone to pat your bouquet stems dry to avoid water marks on dresses.
4. Save personal letters or gifts for when your photographer and videographer are there to capture it.
5. Make sure bridesmaids are dressed before you so they can help you into your dress without delay.
6. Use clear eyelash glue to keep necklace clasps in place so they don't twist or move.
7. Aim to be fully ready at least an hour before the ceremony so you can enjoy the final moments without rushing.
8. Block out the final hour: 10 mins for gifts, 10 for dress reveal, 15 for photos, 10 for touch-ups, 15 for the registrar.
9. Lightly spray perfume on your veil so it leaves a gorgeous scent as you walk down the aisle.
10. Schedule 30 minutes post-ceremony for couple photos and a quiet moment together.

A FINAL NOTE FROM ME

Thank you for reading through this guide.

Whether you're still in the early stages of planning or the big day is just around the corner, I hope these tips help you feel organised, calm, and totally ready to enjoy every second.

Love,
Hannah x





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