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After the Yes

Your first 30 days as an engaged couple

Week 1: Enjoy it

- [ ] **Celebrate just the two of you**
  Take a day or two before planning anything.
- [ ] **Tell close family and friends in person**
  Before you post it online.
- [ ] **Insure the ring**
  Add it to renters or homeowners insurance, or get a jewelry policy.
- [ ] **Get the ring sized if it needs it**
  A loose ring is easy to lose.
- [ ] **Share the news online when you are ready**
  One photo, your words, your timing.

Weeks 2 to 3: Talk it through

- [ ] **Describe your dream wedding to each other**
  Big party, small dinner, courthouse, destination?
- [ ] **Agree on a total budget**
  Money you have or will save before the date.
- [ ] **Ask who wants to contribute, and how much**
  Get amounts in writing so nobody guesses.
- [ ] **Pick a rough guest count**
  It decides the venue size and most costs.
- [ ] **Choose a season and a date range**
  Peak season or off-peak, and two or three backup dates.

Week 4: Start planning

- [ ] **Make a shared email folder or document**
  Keep quotes, contracts and ideas in one place.
- [ ] **Pick your top 3 priorities**
  Spend more there and less everywhere else.
- [ ] **Start a venue shortlist**
  Venue availability often decides the date.
- [ ] **Think about a planner or coordinator**
  Full planning, partial or day-of only.
- [ ] **Open the 12-month planning checklist**
  thefreewedding.com/wedding-planning-checklist

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Our Wedding Vision

Fill this in together before you call a single vendor. It becomes the brief for every decision after.

The basics

Total budget _____

Guest count _____

Season _____

Date ideas _____

City / area _____

Who is contributing

Us _____

Family _____

Family _____

Other _____

Total _____

Three words for how our wedding should feel

_____ _____ _____

Our top 3 priorities

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Things we can skip

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Notes and ideas

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