## WEDDING PRIORITY CHECKLIST

It can be very easy to end up getting lost in the details. The purpose of this exercise is to find out what matters most to each person in the grand scheme of things. Instructions: Separately, rank the importance of the following wedding topics. $1=$ very important, $5=$ not important. Be sure to answer for yourself. Do not make assumptions about how your partner will answer. Come together afterward to discuss your responses.

## GENERAL

| Staying within a strict budget | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| A comfortably flexible budget | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Paying for everything ourselves | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Allowing others to help with costs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Open guest list (everyone we know) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Intimate guest list (just those closest to us) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Attire/style (dresses, tuxes, jewelry, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Hair/makeup | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Formal attendants (flower girl, ushers, ring bearer, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bridal party (bridesmaids, groomsmen, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Family/friends planning involvement (decision-making help) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Guest welcome gifts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Guest favors (take-home gifts) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Guest activities outside of ceremony/reception | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Incorporating tradition (prayers, rituals, symbolism, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Formal speeches/toasts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Incorporating pets into the festivities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Guest behavior (no cell phones, game/activity participation, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## VENDOR INVOLVEMENT

| Outdoor venue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Indoor venue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Non-traditional setting (on a bridge, in a historic building, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Food | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bar | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Signature/personalized cocktails | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Professional DJ/MC (for a hopping dancefloor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Control over music (to show off your specific taste) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Live band | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Photography | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Videography | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Dessert (formal cake, cupcakes, cookies, pie, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Flowers (bouquets, boutonnieres, corsages, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Flowers as decor (centerpieces, aisle petals, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Decor (linens, lighting, centerpieces, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Personal relationship to the Officiant | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Save-the-dates/invitations | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Flatware/place settings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## PERSONAL PREFERENCES

| What is your style? (comfortable, chic, modern, conservative, boho, etc.) |  |
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| Do you have a favorite hobby? |  |
| What is your favorite TV show? |  |
| Who is your favorite band/musician? |  |
| Name one place that has special significance to you (personally) |  |
| Name one place that has special significance to you because of your partner |  |
| What is your favorite thing about your partner? |  |

