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## how to hire a wedding planner

"Here are 10 fabulous tips from an industry professional on how to hire the perfect wedding planner to make your special day a breeze! - Jen | Something Turquoise

**1** If you can't trust the planner right away - then you need to find one you can!

**2** Share your entire budget with the prospective planner - they should be able to tell you upfront if they can make your vision work or not.

**3** Most planners provide free consultations - take full advantage and meet your planner before you hire them.

**4** You might love a planners work but

if they are slow to respond to you in the beginning - beware - they might lag through the entire process.

**5** You get what you pay for. Almost every horror story we hear starts with

the phrase "ohh my friend can do that part for free". Yes, planners cost a bit of money but they are worth the peace of mind.



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**6** Communication is key. Be as upfront with your planner as possible. Communicate any and all of your expectations, worries, assumptions and dreams so that you start off on the same page. The better your planner knows your vision for your wedding, the closer you get to achieving that vision.

**7** Release your responsibilities. It's your job to be the bride and their job to be the coordinator. Let them do what they do best so you can enjoy!

**8** Remember to have fun with your planner! It's important to be able to joke and have a good time with them since you will be sharing a special day!

**9** Typically most planners have worked with their preferred vendors and they tend to be more trustworthy than someone you find off the street. Sometimes you can even save money if you book them together because they prefer to work with people that they know and trust.

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Engagements can be stressful and so often couples can get caught up in the details! So go out on regular date nights! Put the cell phones away and go have fun together!