BROCADE EVENTS by June Martinello

Where to Start Wedding Planning Checklist

Discuss budget
Decide who will be contributing to the wedding costs, and to what amount
Determine what month or season you would like to get married in
Decide how big or small you would like your wedding to be
Determine the overall style and feel you desire for your big day (casual, contemporary, elegant, edgy, vintage, themed, etc.)
Think about the type of location you picture yourselves in (church, manor, hall, garden, tent, hotel, beach, rooftop, historical building, etc)
Insure your engagement ring
Arrange for families to meet if they have not already
Consider an engagement party if you wish, and write thank you cards for engagement gifts as you receive them
Open a joint email account for all wedding related communications
Set your wedding budget
Select your preferred wedding date, and one alternate date
Start to compile a preliminary guest list. This will give you an estimated guest count which you will need when touring potential venues
Interview and hire your wedding planner
Develop a system of organizing your wedding related papers (notes, inspiration photos, magazines, venue/vendor quotes, contracts etc.
Discuss options to create a unique wedding experience for you and your guests with your wedding planner prior to touring venues or booking anything