

A romantic silhouette of a bride and groom standing on a shore, looking out at a sunset over a lake. The bride is on the left, wearing a white wedding dress and veil, holding a bouquet of flowers. The groom is on the right, wearing a dark suit. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The background shows a calm lake and distant mountains.

# THE WEDDING RENTAL

*Planning Blueprint*

*A simple system to help you plan your wedding rentals without stress.*



# THE WEDDING RENTAL CLARITY BLUEPRINT

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***Planning wedding rentals can feel confusing at first.***

- How many tables do you need?
- Do you need a tent?
- What size dance floor works best?
- What does your venue already provide?
- And most importantly – where do you start?

Trying to figure everything out at once quickly becomes overwhelming.

This blueprint simplifies the process with a clear, step-by-step roadmap.

By the end, you'll have a complete rental plan and confidence that nothing important has been missed.



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# HOW TO **START YOUR** **WEDDING RENTAL** **PLANNING**

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Most couples feel overwhelmed at the beginning of planning for your rentals, because they try to solve everything at once. Guest count, venue details, what do I actually need, weather plans, and layouts, all at the same time.

It can feel like there are a hundred decisions happening together.

Instead of doing everything at once, follow a simple, structured order that keeps planning clear and ensures no important detail is missed.

This roadmap outlines the steps to make the process easier from day one.





# THE WEDDING RENTAL PLANNING ROADMAP

**START  
HEAR**

**STEP 1**

*Estimate your guest count*

**STEP 2**

*Confirm what your venue  
already provides*

**STEP 3**

*Decide indoor vs outdoor setup*

**STEP 4**

*Determine if you need a tent*

**STEP 5**

*Design the layout of your event*

**STEP 6**

*Choose tables, linens, and event  
rentals*

**STEP 7**

*Finalize your rental checklist*

**STEP 8**

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*Confirm you didn't miss anything*



## **STEP 1: ESTIMATE YOUR GUEST COUNT**

Start with a realistic guest estimate, as it impacts seating, catering space, dance floor size, and overall layout.

## **STEP 2: CONFIRM WHAT YOUR VENUE PROVIDES**

Check what is already included in your venue package to avoid duplicate rentals or missing essentials.

## **STEP 3: BUILD YOUR OUTDOOR WEATHER BACKUP PLAN**

Prepare a plan in case of unexpected weather to ensure the event runs smoothly.

## **STEP 4: CHOOSE THE RIGHT TENT (IF NEEDED)**

If your event requires a tent, select one that fits your venue, style, and protection needs.

## **STEP 5: PLAN THE LAYOUT**

Design how guests will move through the space—where they will sit, eat, drink, dance, and gather comfortably.



## **STEP 6: CHOOSE CORE RENTALS**

Select essential items such as tables, chairs, linens, bars, lighting, cocktail tables, and the dance floor.

## **STEP 7: BUILD YOUR FINAL RENTAL LIST**

Compile everything into one complete checklist, including smaller items like heaters, umbrellas, vendor tables, dessert tables, and extras.

## **STEP 8: DOUBLE-CHECK DETAILS COUPLES OFTEN MISS**

Review everything to ensure no important element has been overlooked.

## **RENTAL PRO TIP:**

Wedding planning feels complicated when everything is handled at once. Following the right order simplifies decisions and makes the entire rental process more manageable.

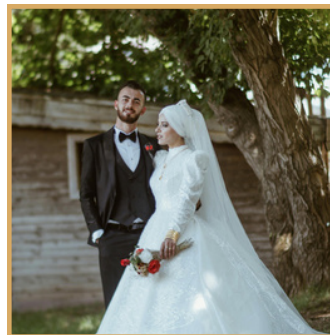


## HOW TO ESTIMATE YOUR TRUE GUEST COUNT AND PLAN THE RIGHT BUFFER

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One of the most common planning mistakes couples make is underestimating their guest count. When this happens, tables, chairs, and layouts may no longer work properly.

A better approach is to plan rentals based on the maximum possible attendance first, then adjust down once RSVPs are received.





## **STEP 1: START WITH YOUR INVITATION LIST**

Write down the total number of people you plan to invite. This is not your expected attendance—only the total invitations being sent.

## **STEP 2: IDENTIFY YOUR “GUARANTEED GUESTS”**

These are the people most likely to attend, such as immediate family, the wedding party, close relatives, and best friends.

## **STEP 3: CONSIDER TRAVEL DISTANCE**

Attendance often depends on how far guests must travel:

- Local (within 1 hour): 85–90% attendance
- Regional (2–5 hours): 70–80% attendance
- Destination: 50–65% attendance

If many guests are traveling, actual attendance may be lower than the invitation count.

## **STEP 4: CHOOSE YOUR PLANNING GUEST COUNT**

Plan rentals using 100% of your invited guests to ensure everything works at full capacity. It's easier to reduce later than to add more rentals if needed.

## **STEP 5: PLANNING GUEST COUNT**

Use this number to plan key rentals like ceremony seating, reception tables, chairs, linens, dance floor size, and tent size (if needed). Once RSVPs are confirmed, adjust rental quantities accordingly.



## **PRO TIP FROM RENTAL PROFESSIONALS**

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It's easier to reduce rentals later than to add more after inventory is booked. Planning for full attendance ensures nothing is missed and your event is fully prepared.

By completing this step, you now have your planning guest count.

Write it here for reference throughout the rest of the blueprint:

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### **PLANNING GUEST COUNT**

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This number will guide all rental decisions moving forward.

When you're ready, the next step is the Venue Audit. This helps avoid one of the most common mistakes—renting items your venue already provides.



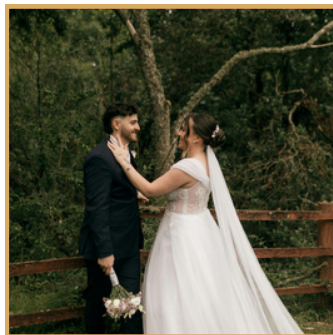
## HOW TO CONFIRM WHAT YOUR VENUE INCLUDES SO NOTHING GETS MISSED

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Most wedding venues provide some equipment, but rarely everything. Some include tables and chairs, while others rely on caterers or rental companies.

Before planning rentals, confirm exactly what your venue includes. This simple check makes the process much easier and prevents missing items.

Record your venue details for easy reference throughout planning.





## **STEP 1: RECORD YOUR VENUE INFORMATION**

Venue Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **STEP 2: ASK FOR THE VENUE'S INCLUDED ITEMS LIST**

Most venues have an itemized list of everything they provide, such as chairs, tables, bar tables, and a dance floor.

Make sure to request this list from your venue. Once you have it, keep it with your blueprint so you can reference it while planning.

Venue Items List – Received

- Yes
- Not yet



### **STEP 3: CONFIRM HOW FOOD SERVICE WORKS**

Some venues provide in-house catering, while others require outside vendors.

Ask your venue if catering is included. If using an outside caterer, confirm whether they bring their own equipment, such as buffet tables, food service tables, and dessert tables.

Is catering provided by the venue?

- Yes
- No

Notes:

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## STEP 4: CONFIRM SEATING AND TABLES

Ask your venue which seating and tables they provide, along with the quantities and whether linens are included.

Ceremony chairs

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Reception chairs

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Round tables

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Rectangular tables

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Cocktail tables

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Do these tables include linens?

Yes

No



## HELPFUL TIP FROM RENTAL PROFESSIONALS

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Many venues include tables and chairs, but the quantities may not match your full guest count. It's also important to check the style of chairs to ensure they fit the look and feel of your wedding.

Once you have your venue's itemized list, it becomes much easier to identify what additional rentals you may need—whether that's extra chairs, linens, or smaller items like patio heaters or garbage cans.

The key step is getting the venue's list first. From there, the rest of the planning becomes much more clear and manageable.





## HOW TO BUILD AN OUTDOOR WEATHER BACKUP PLAN YOU CAN ACTUALLY TRUST

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If your wedding is outdoors in Central Oregon, a good forecast is not enough—you need a solid backup plan. Weather challenges can include intense sun, strong afternoon wind, cold evenings, and smoke from fire season.

The best approach is to decide your protection plan early, before layout, guest comfort, and rental availability become difficult to manage.

Use this guide to choose a backup strategy that fits your event and ensures everything runs smoothly, regardless of conditions.





## STEP 1

### KNOW THE FOUR WEATHER PROBLEMS THAT MATTER MOST IN CENTRAL OREGON

Before choosing a backup plan, consider the conditions most likely to affect guest comfort:

- Sun and heat can make uncovered ceremonies or cocktail areas uncomfortable even on beautiful days.
- Wind is common on open properties and can affect décor, candles, table settings, and overall stability of the setup.
- Cold evenings can set in quickly, even after a warm day, especially in Central Oregon.
- Smoke during fire season is a key factor that can impact visibility, comfort, photos, and the overall outdoor experience.





## STEP 2

### CHOOSE YOUR REAL BACKUP PLAN OPTION

Outdoor weddings usually follow one of three backup options:

#### **OPTION 1: INDOOR BACKUP SPACE**

A venue with an indoor area (hall, barn, ballroom) that can host the full event.

- Best for: simple, low-risk plans
- Pros: quick switch, no tent needed
- Cons: may feel less scenic or have layout limits

Key question: Can the entire event move inside without reducing capacity?

#### **OPTION 2: TENTED BACKUP PLAN**

A temporary tent (frame, pole, clear-top, sailcloth, or structure).

- Best for: maintaining an outdoor feel with protection
- Pros: protects from weather, keeps outdoor setting
- Cons: requires early planning, logistics, and space; smoke may still affect guests

Note: Plan early if a tent is likely.

#### **OPTION 3: SPLIT-SPACE PLAN**

Different parts of the event are held in different areas (inside + outside).

- Best for: flexible venues
- Pros: adaptable, can reduce costs
- Cons: requires coordination and clear guest flow

Key question: Will the event still feel smooth and organized if plans shift?



## STEP 3

### KNOW WHAT GETS HARDER IF YOU WAIT TOO LONG

Delaying your weather protection decision makes planning more difficult. Key elements like tent availability, install scheduling, layout planning, and power and lighting become harder to secure and coordinate.

For Central Oregon outdoor weddings, weather protection should be decided early so the rest of the event can be planned around it.

## STEP 4

### CHOOSE THE BACKUP STRATEGY THAT MATCHES YOUR PRIORITIES

Use this decision guide to select the best option for your event:

- Choose an indoor backup space if you want the safest option and prefer certainty over scenery.
- Choose a tented backup plan if you want to maintain an outdoor atmosphere while planning ahead for protection.
- Choose a split-space backup plan if your venue has multiple areas and you want flexibility without moving everything indoors.



## YOUR OUTDOOR WEATHER PLAN

### Ceremony plan:

- Outdoors as planned
- Move indoors if needed
- Outdoors under tent

### Primary backup strategy:

- Indoor backup space
- Event tent
- Split-space layout

### Reception plan:

- Outdoors as planned
- Move indoors if needed
- Under tent
- Split between spaces

## HELPFUL TIP FROM RENTAL PROFESSIONALS

In Central Oregon, the strongest outdoor wedding plans are not based on perfect weather—they are built by deciding early what will happen if conditions change. This allows for better layout planning, rental availability, and a smoother, less stressful process.

## WHY THIS STEP MATTERS

Your weather backup plan influences key decisions such as tent type, layout, and overall guest comfort.

Once this is finalized, the next step becomes clear: choosing the right tent style for your venue and priorities.



## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TENT STYLE FOR YOUR VENUE AND PRIORITIES

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Outdoor weddings are beautiful, but choosing the right tent is one of the most important decisions for comfort, layout, and overall atmosphere.

Not all tents are the same. Different styles work better depending on the ground surface, available space, desired look, and level of weather protection needed.

Understanding the main tent styles makes it much easier to select the right option for your venue and event.





## THE 4 MOST COMMON WEDDING TENT STYLES

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### FRAME TENTS

Best for flexible layouts and tight spaces. No center poles; can be installed on grass, pavement, or patios. Highly versatile, but has a more structural look.

### POLE TENTS

Best for a classic wedding look. Uses center poles and requires grass. Offers tall peaks and a traditional aesthetic, often at a lower cost.

### SAILCLOTH TENTS

Best for high-end weddings. Translucent fabric creates a soft glow with lighting and elegant peaks. Requires grass and comes at a higher price.

### STRUCTURE TENTS

Best for maximum weather protection. Strong, engineered frames ideal for wind and larger events, but more complex and commercial in appearance.



## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TENT FOR YOUR VENUE

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Consider these three factors:

### **SURFACE**

Grass allows more options, while patios, gravel, or pavement may require frame or structure tents.

Venue surface: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ATMOSPHERE:**

Choose the look you want for your reception.

- Classic
- Elegant glowing tent
- Modern layout
- Maximum protection

### **WEATHER PROTECTION:**

Decide the level of protection needed.

- Sun
- Wind
- Rain
- Temperature

### **RENTAL PROFESSIONAL TIP**

The best tent balances venue layout, visual style, and weather protection.



## TENT STYLE YOU ARE CONSIDERING

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Tent style:

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Notes or questions for your rental team:

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## **THE 10 WEDDING LAYOUT MISTAKES COUPLES MAKE WITH RENTALS (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)**

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Rental Layout Rules That Keep Weddings Running Smoothly and Looking Polished

Rental teams often see the same layout mistakes at weddings, usually noticed only on the event day.

These simple layout rules help avoid crowding, traffic issues, and awkward spacing so your wedding flows smoothly from ceremony to reception to dancing.





1

**Placing the Dance Floor Too Close to Dining Tables**

Guests may feel crowded when the dance floor is too close to tables.

**Better approach:**

Leave space around the dance floor for comfortable movement.

2

**Putting the Bar Where the Line Blocks the Reception**

Bar lines can block walkways and tables if the bar is poorly placed.

**Better approach:**

Position the bar where lines won't disrupt guest flow or seating.

3

**Buffet Tables Creating Traffic Jams**

Buffets in tight spaces cause long, one-direction lines.

**Better approach:**

Allow access from both sides to keep lines moving smoothly.

4

**Cocktail Tables Blocking Walkways**

Cocktail tables in walkways create congestion.

**Better approach:**

Place them in gathering areas, not main paths.

5

**Ceremony Chairs Packed Too Tightly**

Tight rows make it hard for guests to move.

**Better approach:**

Leave space between rows and clear aisles.

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**Underestimating the Space Caterers Need**

Limited space can make catering crowded and slow.

**Better approach:**

Plan dedicated areas for efficient service.



7

***Not Leaving Clear Walkways Between Spaces***

Without clear paths, guest movement can feel crowded.

***Better approach:***

Create natural walkways between key areas.

8

***Putting the DJ or Band Too Close to Guest Tables***

Speakers near tables make conversation difficult.

***Better approach:***

Leave space between entertainment and dining areas.

9

***Forgetting Space for Late-Night Dancing***

Layouts can feel cramped once dancing starts.

***Better approach:***

Leave extra space around the dance floor for guests to gather.

10

***Designing Layouts for Appearance Instead of Guest Flow***

Layouts may look good but feel crowded in reality.

***Better approach:***

Balance design with guest movement and comfort.

## RENTAL PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT

The best wedding layouts focus on guest movement.

When key areas are placed thoughtfully, the event feels smooth and effortless—this is why rental professionals prioritize real-life flow over just appearance.



## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TABLES FOR YOUR VENUE, VIBE, AND GUEST EXPERIENCE

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Tables may not seem like a big decision at first, but they shape how guests interact, dine, and experience the evening.

The right tables create a comfortable, social atmosphere, while the wrong ones can feel crowded or awkward.

Let's make sure you choose the right ones.





## THE 3 MOST COMMON WEDDING TABLE STYLES

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Most weddings use a mix of these three table types:

### ROUND TABLES

The most popular choice because they make conversation easy.  
Recommended: 60" rounds seating 8 guests.

Why they work:

- Easy conversation
- Balanced layout
- Smooth catering flow

### RECTANGULAR TABLES

Great for long or farmhouse-style layouts.

Why they work:

- Clean, modern look
- Ideal for head or banquet tables

Consideration: guests at ends may feel less included



## **COCKTAIL TABLES**

Perfect for mingling areas like bars and lounges.

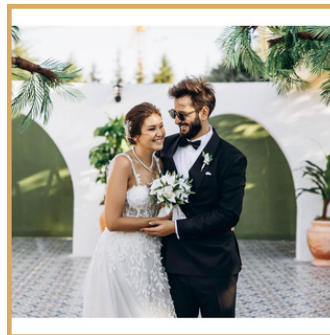
Why they work:

- Encourage movement and conversation
- Reduce crowding
- Define gathering spaces

## **COMMON MISTAKE**

72" round tables may seem better but can make conversation harder and require oversized centerpieces.

Most professionals recommend 60" rounds for comfort and better interaction.





## QUESTIONS TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TABLES

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Think about how you want your reception to feel:

### ATMOSPHERE

- Classic
- Long family-style
- Modern
- Mixed styles

### SEATING PER TABLE

60" round → 8 guests  
8' rectangular → 8 guests  
Cocktail → standing

### DÉCOR

Table shape affects centerpiece space.

### PRO INSIGHT

Tables shape how guests connect—choose for comfort and flow.

### YOUR TABLE PLAN

Primary style: \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions for rental team: \_\_\_\_\_.



# HOW TO CHOOSE THE CORRECT LINEN SIZES

Linens seem confusing—but it's actually simple.

## STEP 1

KNOW YOUR TABLE SIZE

## STEP 2

PICK THE LOOK

Choose linens based on table type:

- 60" round (most common)
- 72" round
- 8' banquet
- Cocktail tables
- Floor-length → clean, classic
- Mid-drop → relaxed, casual

## STEP 3

USE STANDARD SIZES

### 60" rounds

- 120" linen → floor-length
- 90" linen → mid-drop

### 8' tables

- 90"×156" → floor-length
- 90"×132" → mid-drop

### COCKTAIL TABLES

- 120" → floor-length
- 90" → mid-drop
- Spandex → fitted look

### PRO TIP

For a polished look, most weddings use:

- 120" rounds (guest tables)
- 90"×156" (banquet tables)
- 120" (cocktail tables)

### YOUR LINEN PLAN

Guest tables: \_\_\_\_\_  
Head table: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cocktail tables: \_\_\_\_\_

Next: Use a quick size chart to match any table easily.



Table Size													
	72" Round Table	66" Round Table	60" Round Table	54" Round Table	48" Round Table	36" Round Table	36" Round x 42" Tall Bistro Table (Cocktail Bar Height Top Table)	30" Round Table	30" Round x 42" Tall Bistro Table (Cocktail Bar Height Top Table)	8' x 30" Banquet Table	6' x 30" Banquet Table	8' x 40" King Table	2' x 4' Kids Table
Linen Size													
72" Round		3' Drop	6' Drop	9' Drop	12' Drop	18' Drop	18' Drop	21' Drop	21' Drop				
90" Round	9" Drop	12" Drop	15" Drop	18" Drop	21" Drop	27" Drop	27" Drop	To Floor	30" Drop				
102" Round	15" Drop	18" Drop	21" Drop	24" Drop	27" Drop	3" Floor Puddle	33" Drop	6" Floor Puddle	36" Drop				
108" Round	18" Drop	21" Drop	24" Drop	27" Drop	To Floor	6" Floor Puddle	36" Drop	9" Drop	39" Drop				
120" Round	24" Drop	27" Drop	To Floor	3" Floor Puddle	6" Floor Puddle	12" Floor Puddle	To Floor	15" Floor Puddle	3" Floor Puddle				
132" Round	To Floor	3" Floor Puddle	6" Floor Puddle	9" Floor Puddle	12" Floor Puddle	18" Floor Puddle	6" Floor Puddle (Best for center-tied linens)	18" Floor Puddle	9" Floor Puddle (Best for center-tied linens)				
52" x 114"										Sides: 12" Ends: 9"	Sides: 12" Ends: 21"		Sides: 14" Ends: 33"
60" x 120"										Sides: 15" Ends: 12"	Sides: 15" Ends: 24"		Sides: 18" Ends: 37"
90" x 132" 36" Table (Drape)										Sides: Floor Ends: 18"	To Floor All Sides		
90" x 156" 36" Table (Drape)										To Floor All Sides		Sides: 25" Drop Ends: Floor	
100" x 156" 36" King (Drape)												To Floor All Sides	
54" x 54" Square					Sides: 3" Points: 14"	Sides: 9" Points: 20"	Sides: 9" Points: 20"	Sides: 12" Points: 20"	Sides: 12" Points: 20"	Overlay (Top Cloth)	Overlay (Top Cloth)		Sides: 15" Ends: 3"
72" x 72" Square	Sides: Edge Points: 15"	Sides: 3" Points: 18"	Sides: 6" Points: 21"	Sides: 9" Points: 24"	Sides: 12" Points: 27"					Overlay (Top Cloth)	Overlay (Top Cloth)		Sides: Floor Ends: 12"
85" x 85" Square	Sides: 6" Points: 23"	Sides: 9" Points: 26"	Sides: 12" Points: 29"										
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## 7 LINEN COLOR MISTAKES (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

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### 1. MIXING WHITE & IVORY

They clash more than you think.

**Fix:** Choose one base (all white or all ivory).

### 2. TOO MANY COLORS

Multiple table colors = messy look.

**Fix:** Stick to 1 base + 1 accent.

### 3. IGNORING LIGHTING

Lighting changes how colors appear.

**Fix:** Use warmer tones for evening setups.

### 4. OVER-MATCHING NAPKINS

Almost-matching looks off.

**Fix:** Add contrast (e.g., ivory + blue).

### 5. FORGETTING CHAIRS

Chairs affect the whole palette.

**Fix:** Match linens, chairs, and napkins together.

### 6. IGNORING TEXTURE

Texture changes the vibe.

**Fix:** Smooth = classic, textured = depth.

### 7. CHOOSING ONLINE ONLY

Colors look different in real life.

**Fix:** View samples in person.

#### PRO INSIGHT

Best formula:

Neutral base + one  
accent + natural  
chairs + soft  
lighting.



## 7 BAR & CATERING LAYOUT MISTAKES (AND FIXES)

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### 1. ONE BAR ONLY

Long lines form fast.

**Fix:**

- Up to 75 → 1 bar
- 75–150 → 2 bars
- 150+ → multiple/double-sided

### 2. BAR AT THE ENTRANCE

Creates crowding at entry.

**Fix:** Place bar slightly inside.

### 3. BAR NEXT TO BUFFET

Lines overlap and slow down.

**Fix:** Keep them on separate sides.

### 4. SINGLE BUFFET LINE

Causes long waits.

**Fix:** Use two-sided or double lines.

### 5. NO SPACE BEHIND BUFFET

Crowded service area.

**Fix:** Leave 6–8 ft behind tables.

### 6. BAR TOO CLOSE TO DANCE FLOOR

Crowd spills into dancing area.

**Fix:** Keep it nearby, not next to it.

### 7. NO COCKTAIL TABLES NEAR BAR

No space for drinks or mingling.

**Fix:** Add tables around the bar.

#### PRO INSIGHT

Spread bars, food, and seating across the space for smooth flow and shorter lines.



## HOW TO SIZE YOUR DANCE FLOOR SO IT FEELS FULL AND FUN

Choosing too big a dance floor can make it feel empty. The goal is a space that feels full and energetic.

### STEP 1: ESTIMATE DANCERS

About 50% of guests dance.

Guest count  $\times$  50% = dancers

Example: 150 guests  $\rightarrow$  75 dancers

### STEP 2: PICK ENERGY LEVEL

- 4 sq ft/person  $\rightarrow$  tight, packed, high energy
- 5 sq ft/person  $\rightarrow$  balanced (most popular)
- 6 sq ft/person  $\rightarrow$  more spacious

### STEP 3: CALCULATE SIZE

Dancers  $\times$  space = dance floor size

Example: 75  $\times$  5 = 375 sq ft

*Another Example : Guest Count: 150*

*Estimated dancers: 75*

#### TIP

Slightly smaller floors feel more lively than oversized ones.

Dance Floor Feel	Calculation	Recommended Size
Energetic and Cozy	75 $\times$ 4 sq ft	300 sq ft
Balanced Yet Full	75 $\times$ 5 sq ft	375 sq ft
Spacious For Large Groups!	75 $\times$ 6 sq ft	450 sq ft



## WANT THE EXACT SIZE?

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Use our ***Dance Floor Size Calculator*** to instantly estimate the ideal floor for your event.

Just enter your full guest count and we'll do the math for you.

## WHAT DO WE ACTUALLY NEED TO RENT FOR OUR WEDDING?

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(THE SIMPLE WAY TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED WITHOUT OVERTHINKING IT.)





## START WITH THE 4 WEDDING ZONES

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Every reception has 4 key areas. Once these are planned, everything else becomes easier.

### 1. WHERE GUESTS SIT

- tables
  - chairs
  - linens
  - napkins
  - head/sweetheart table
- (Avg: 8 guests per table)

### 2. WHERE GUESTS EAT & DRINK

- buffet tables
  - bar
  - cocktail tables
  - water station
- (Needs space for lines + flow)

### PRO TIP

When these 4 zones are balanced, the whole wedding feels smooth and well-organized.

### 3. WHERE GUESTS CELEBRATE

- dance floor
- DJ/band
- stage (if needed)
- lighting

### 4. GUEST COMFORT

- heaters or shade
- lighting
- extra cocktail tables
- outdoor protection



## A SIMPLE WAY TO SANITY CHECK YOUR RENTALS

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**ASK YOURSELF FOUR QUICK QUESTIONS.**

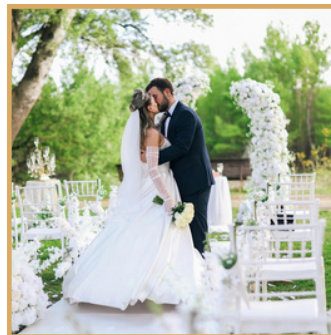
**WHERE WILL  
GUESTS SIT?**

**WHERE WILL FOOD  
AND DRINKS BE  
SERVED?**

**WHERE WILL  
THE DANCING  
HAPPEN?**

**WHAT WILL KEEP  
GUESTS  
COMFORTABLE?**

If those four zones are covered, you're already 90% of the way there.





## 13 WEDDING RENTALS, COUPLES FORGET

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### UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE (AND WISH THEY HADN'T)

(And why they slip through the cracks.)

Most couples plan the big things first.

Chairs.

Tables.

Linens.

Done.

But a handful of smaller rentals almost always get missed until the final week. These are the items couples call about the most once they walk through their wedding day in their head.





- 1. Coat rack** – guests need somewhere for jackets
- 2. Bistro tables** – cocktail hour standing space
- 3. Gift table** – safe spot for cards and gifts
- 4. Trash bins** – keeps the venue clean
- 5. Vendor meal table** – for DJ, photographer, planner
- 6. Dessert table** – space for cake & sweets
- 7. Extra buffet tables** – food prep & serving space
- 8. Umbrellas** – shade or weather backup
- 9. Lounge seating** – relaxed guest areas
- 10. PA system** – for vows & speeches
- 11. Dance floor lighting** – sets the evening mood
- 12. Ceremony arch** – focal point for photos
- 13. Extra service tables** – catering support

#### **PRO TIP**

The big items build the structure—these small rentals make the wedding feel organized, comfortable, and complete.