

Ready to Find Your Home?



Your wedding is just the beginning of an incredible journey, and finding your first home together is a milestone you'll never forget. Let me help you make it happen! Schedule a free consultation today to discuss your home-buying goals.

Tips for Success:

- Begin saving and planning as soon as possible to avoid last-minute stress.
- Your wedding planner can keep your big day stress-free, while your REALTOR can handle the complexities of the home-buying process.
- Aim to start your home search at least 3-6 months before your wedding if possible. That way, you can move in shortly after tying the knot.

Scan the QR code below to get started.



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Planning Your Wedding & Your First Home: A Guide for Newlyweds



Tips for Budgeting, Saving, and Starting Your Forever Together

Welcome to Your Forever Journey!

Congratulations on your engagement! This is such an exciting time, filled with dreams of your perfect wedding day and starting a life together. But did you know it's also the perfect time to plan for your first home? This guide is designed to help you navigate both milestones seamlessly, so you can start your "happily ever after" in the home of your dreams.



Setting Priorities as a Couple



Communicate Openly About Your Goals

- Discuss your long-term dreams as a couple. Is owning a home a top priority? How does it compare to your wedding goals?
- Use a worksheet to list your "must-haves" for both your wedding and your first home. The worksheet should include columns for wedding priorities (like venue, guest list, and decor) and home features (such as location, number of bedrooms, and outdoor space).

Align Your Financial Vision

- Outline your budget for the wedding and set a target savings goal for your home down payment. Include sections for estimating costs, tracking expenses, and setting savings milestones.
- Consider how you can cut costs on one to invest in the other. For example, could a smaller guest list help you save for a larger home? Brainstorm cost-cutting strategies for both your wedding and your home-buying plans.

Budgeting for Both Dreams

- Open a joint savings account specifically for these goals.
- Create a monthly savings plan based on your combined income and future expenses.

Wedding vs. Home: Making Choices

- Consider how each decision affects your ability to save for a home. For example, choosing a more affordable venue could free up thousands for a down payment.

Smart Budgeting Tips

- Use apps to track your wedding and home savings goals. Examples include Mint, Honeydue, or Zola for budgeting and collaboration, as well as Zillow and Redfin for home searches and market tracking.
- Work with a financial advisor if you're feeling overwhelmed. You can often find one through your employer's benefits program, your bank, or personal referrals from family and friends.

Steps to Homeownership



Consultation

- Discuss your goals and budget with your real estate team.

Finding the Right REALTOR

- Work with an experienced agent (like me!) who understands the local market and your unique needs as a couple. When choosing a REALTOR, consider asking questions like:
- What experience do you have?
- How familiar are you with the neighborhoods we're interested in?
- Can you help us understand the current market trends and pricing?
- What is your availability for showings and communication?
- Do you have recommendations for lenders, inspectors, or other professionals?

Getting Pre-Approved

- Meet with a mortgage lender to determine how much home you can afford.
- Gather financial documents such as pay stubs, tax returns, and bank statements.

Search for a Home

- Get to know the real estate market insights & neighborhoods.
- Explore vibrant neighborhoods and consider proximity to work, schools, and amenities you'll need as you grow your family.

Key Factors to Consider

- Is the home close to venues, restaurants, or other places you love?
- Does it have room to grow if your family expands in the future?

Make an Offer

- Your REALTOR will help you determine an offer price and terms of your offer to make it appealing to sellers and work to your advantage.

Get Inspections

- No home is perfect, so it will be important to get a home, pest, roof, sewer and other inspections that could apply, such as pool or chimney.

Negotiate to secure your dream home.

- Your REALTOR will help negotiate any repairs needed or change the terms of your offer that satisfy your needs.

Sign documents and close.

- Review loan and title documents. Then sign, close escrow and get your keys to your new home!