

A close-up photograph of a woman's hand holding a cocktail. The woman is wearing a white, spaghetti-strap dress. Her hand is adorned with a ring and has light-colored nail polish. The cocktail is in a glass with a gold-rimmed edge, containing a light-colored drink, a wooden straw, a large clear crystal, and a vibrant pink rose. The background is softly blurred, showing warm, golden bokeh lights.

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UNIQUE WEDDING DETAIL IDEAS
from a wedding photographer

| WEDDING PLANNING

IN THE NICEST OF TERMS, WEDDING PLANNING CAN BE A DOOZY.

There are so many details, decisions and - most of all - opinions. All you wanted to do was get married and now you feel like the world's busiest event planner!

I created this guide as a launching pad for your wedding detail brainstorming session!



Before we dive into all those budgeting tips, there are a few things you should know about me:

- I love the color yellow and everything sunshine
- I LOVE flying, especially at sunrise (see what I mean about sunshine?)
- I tend to squeal when I get excited (including in text form)
- I am suuuuch a hopeful romantic
- I love Jesus a whole lot!

And one more thing — I'M HERE FOR YOU.
Now let's get this brainstorming party started!!!

| WEDDING DETAIL IDEAS

cool ideas I see as a wedding vendor

> **ENGAGEMENT SESSION GUEST BOOK**

- Print a photo book filled with your engagement photos & include white space for couples to sign as a guest book!

> **VOICEMAIL GUEST BOOK**

- Have your guests leave voicemails on a vintage cord phone instead of writing notes in a book!
- Note - a very fun idea if your guests party hard ;)

> **DIY CENTERPIECES**

- Make your own centerpieces instead of floral arrangements
- Go thrifting for unique vases then visit Michael's for spray paint & fillers (I'm a fan of faux pampas grass!)
- BONUS: Throw a centerpiece-making party with your friends!

> **TRAVEL PHOTO TABLE NUMBERS**

- Include a photo of somewhere you two have traveled for each table number & name the table that location!

> **BAR CART COCKTAIL HOUR**

- Why have a normal bar when you can have a vintage horse trailer?! My go-to gals for this are [Backyard Bar Co.](#)

> **LOVE LETTER AUDIO TAPE**

- Instead of writing a letter to give to your S/O on wedding day, record yourself reading the letter so they can hear your voice before saying "I do"!
- A fantastic idea if you're not doing a first look
- Pro tip - gift them a new set of headphones to listen on!

| WEDDING RECEPTION IDEAS

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> **DRESS CHANGE**

- Why have one wedding dress when you can have TWO!!
- Surprise your guests (and maybe even your spouse!) with an outfit change after cake cutting to kick off the dance party!
- If you're having an after party, a dress change is especially ideal!

> **SURPRISE HAIRCUT**

- Have your hairdresser come back to give you a chop before your grand reception entrance!!

> **PRIVATE LAST DANCE**

- You don't get much one-on-one time with your spouse. Enjoy each other as newlyweds for a private last dance while your guests line up outside for the formal exit!

> **PHOTO DASH**

- Instead of a receiving line, do a photo dash at your reception! Have the DJ play a fun song while you two run around to every table for a quick photo!
- The most efficient way to get a photo with every guest

> **CHAMPAGNE TOWER**

- You & your spouse pour champagne over a tower of glasses

> **LATE NIGHT SNACK**

- Feeling hungry again after all that dancing? Offer a late night snack (like mini cheesesteaks or breakfast sandwiches) for all your peckish guests!



I hope you found at least one idea you can apply to your own wedding!! I'm cheering you on, sis :)

For more tips like these, feel free to visit [the blog on my website](#)!! I have posts on there like [5 Questions to Ask Your Photographer Before Booking](#), [Authentic Engagement Session Ideas](#), [4 Reasons Why Engagement Sessions are Important](#), and more!!

XOXO, GABRIELLA