<u>Wedding/Elopement Planning Worksheet</u>

- Take your time and really think of <u>what matters and reflects you as a couple</u> as you fill this out.
- Use this to brainstorm and get creative, if something is not on here you like better then write it in!
- Don't over think the money on the starter questions, you can adjust things later in the budget.
- Please remember this is your day and there are no rules! (Except for the legal stuff.)
- 1. When you think of elopement, what picture comes to mind?
- 2. What feel do you want to get?
 - a. Religious
 - b. Spiritual
 - c. Romantic
 - d. Fun
 - e. Serious
 - f. Exciting
 - g. Fantasy
 - h. Quirky
 - i. other:
- 3. What is the setting you want?
 - a. Indoors?
 - i. Church
 - ii. Home/Airbnb
 - iii. Bar
 - iv. Restaurant
 - v. Bookshop
 - vi. Musium
 - vii. Art Gallery
 - viii. An empty room as a blank canvas
 - ix. In a limo
 - *x.* other:
 - b. Outdoors?
 - *i.* Under the trees
 - ii. In a gazebo
 - *iii.* On a walking bridge
 - *iv.* On a dock
 - v. On a vista point
 - vi. On horseback

- vii. In a flower garden
- viii. By a lake
 - ix. On a lake (boat/kayak/paddle boat/canoe)
- x. In a hot air balloon
- xi. In a swimming pool
- xii. Inside a cave
- xiii. In a vineyard
- xiv. other:
- 4. Do you want anyone to attend?
 - a. Nobody (need witnesses)
 - b. Just my two witnesses
 - c. Family/friends
 - i. Make a list, how many?
- 5. Do you feel the desire for decorations beyond what is unique to the location already?
 - a. Archway
 - b. Candles
 - c. Flowers
 - d. Drapery
- 6. Do you want music?
 - a. Pre-recorded
 - b. Live
- 7. Do you want flowers for the bride <u>or</u> both of you?
 - a. Homemade
 - b. Semi-Pro
 - c. Professional
- 8. For flowers/decor, what color/colors?
- 9. Bridal Prep wanted? (Remember hair/makeup will need to have a run though at least a day before the wedding if you want to ensure you get exactly the look you want.)
 - a. Hair?
 - b. Makeup?
 - c. Nails?
- 10. What will you wear?
 - a. Bride
 - b. Groom
- 11. How do you want photographs?

- a. Witnesses using camera
- b. Professional

12. Will you want a cake?

- a. At location for photos
- b. To have later in private
- 13. Will you have a celebration meal after? What does that look like?

14. Where will you stay?

- a. The night before
 - *i.* Will you get ready there?
 - *ii.* Will you need to have somewhere else?
- b. The night of

15. The Ceremony

- a. Simplicity of ceremony?
 - *i.* Easy, pre-written options
 - ii. Custom wrote
- b. Commitment Ceremony?
 - i. Rings
 - ii. Sand
 - iii. Candle lighting
 - iv. Hand tying
 - v. Broom jumping
 - vi. Smoke blending
 - vii. other:
- c. Readings
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Blessing
 - iii. Poem
 - iv. Religious passage
 - v. Personal love story
 - vi. Song
- d. Advice on love and marriage
- e. Vows
 - i. Read and "I do"
 - ii. Repeat after me
 - iii. Personally spoke
 - 1. Written by couple
 - 2. Written for you
- f. Other rituals/elements?

<u>Budget</u>

Total Budget for Wedding?

- While filling in the table below, <u>put \$0</u> for items...
 - Already purchased
 - Free
 - Budgeted separately
- If not wanted or needed leave the line blank.
- Add in additional items on the next sheet.
- Now is the time to consider what matters most, what you are willing to spend more on and what you are willing to spend less on.
- If unsure, give a range. For example: \$20-\$50.

Wedding Cost	\$ Allotted	\$ Spent	Running Total
Minister / Witnesses			
Wedding Help/Planner			
Venu			
Photography			
Clothing			
Flowers			
Decor/Ceremony Items			
Bridal Prep			
Cake			
Music			
Celebration Meal			
Loging			
Travel			
Rings			
License			
Honeymoon			
