

Wedding Checklist

Everything may not apply to your wedding, but take what you need to design and organize your dream wedding!

WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED

- Set a budget
- Set the date
- Create wedding email
- Start to create a guest list
- Create a mood board
- Start researching venues

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hire photographer & videographer
- Hire band or DJ
- Choose bridal party
- Hire a wedding planner - or -
- Buy a wedding planner binder
- Book a venue
- Begin dress shopping
- Talk to your travel agent about a room block for out of town guests
- Create your wedding website

11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose color scheme
- Hire florist and order flowers
- Sample & select caterer
- Plan reception decor

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Purchase your dress and have alterations done
- Start looking at Save The Dates and Invitations
- Search for an officiant or have a family member/friend get ordained to perform the ceremony
- Choose ceremony and reception music

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research and order wedding cake
- Set up gift registry
- Finalize guest list
- Edit, proof, and order your Save The Dates and Invitations- don't forget envelopes and stamps!

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Talk to your travel agent about planning and booking the honeymoon
- Shop for hair accessories, jewelry, shoes
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Do engagement shoot
- Research and hire hair and make-up
- Choose bridesmaids dresses

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book event rentals
- Arrange any additional equipment for your ceremony and reception
- Do a run-through on your hair and make-up, or discuss with stylist
- Send out Save The Dates
- Research and order favors
- Ask wedding party members to plan the bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Book or rent mens' tuxedos or suits and make any necessary alterations

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Purchase other bridal accessories, such as lingerie and garter
- Talk to your travel agent about booking the wedding night accommodations

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3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Meet with officiant
- Select readings
- Start getting your invitations assembled, addressed, and stamped

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Mail your invitations
- Start breaking in your wedding shoes
- Finalize menu with caterer
- Dress fitting
- Purchase wedding decor, ring bearer pillow, and flower girl basket

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Purchase wedding bands
- Confirm number of bouquets, centerpieces, and boutonnieres with florist

4 WEEKS BEFORE

- Finish any DIY projects
- Organize guest book, cake servers, candles (small decor)
- Order Thank You notes
- Track RSVPs and follow-up with non-responders
- Order gifts for bridal party, parents, and each other
- Decide on wet weather contingency plans if outdoors

3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Assemble gift bags
- Create seating chart
- Venue walk-through
- Hair color refresh
- Final dress fitting
- Start writing and practice vows out loud
- Pick up marriage license

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Create final wedding day schedule and give to all important parties (DJ, photographer, etc.)
- Confirm ceremony running order with officiant and wedding coordinator
- Give final guest count to caterer
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Order menu cards, wedding programs, and rehearsal dinner invites
- Confirm vendor arrivals/deliveries
- Confirm honeymoon bookings with travel agent
- Pay vendors in full if possible

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Finalize vows
- Make sure shoes are broken in
- Meet with photographer/videographer to discuss shots
- Finish packing for honeymoon

DAY BEFORE

- Give rings to Best Man and vendor checks to day-of-coordinator/wedding planner
- Mani/Pedi
- Attend rehearsal dinner
- Eat a healthy meal
- Drink water
- Get a good nights sleep!

WEDDING DAY!

- Drink water
- Don't forget to eat
- Marry your best friend!!!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Send out Thank You cards
- Preserve wedding gown
- Change your name

