



Wedding Planning Checklist

12+ MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Have a great engagement celebration!
- Set a budget (Who is contributing what)
- Choose a date (up to 3 to be flexible)
- Get your Engagement Ring insured and consider purchasing wedding insurance
- Get Engagement Photos Done
- Choose your Bridal Party
- Decide style and theme
- Choose a location to get married and the venue
- Order "Save the Date" cards
- Compile a list of things you liked and didn't like at weddings you have attended.
- Hire a Wedding Planner
- Start looking for your wedding dress and style!

10 - 11 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Choose your color scheme
- Choose Bridal Party attire and accessories
- Book Officiant and look at premarital counseling
- Hire Photographer, Videographer, Caterer, DJ or Band, and Florist (or leave it up to your Planner)
- Purchase wedding dress, veil, & undergarments
- Find accommodation ideas for out-of-town guests (up to three at different price points)
- Finalize your Guest List and Mail your "Save the Date" (add the location in case you are getting married out of town)
- Research Honeymoon Destinations

8 - 9 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Choose & Order Wedding Invitations (Enclosures, Programs, Menu Cards, Thank You Cards, etc.)
- Update your guest list as needed
- Begin Planning your Honeymoon
- Create Gift Registries (two to three are recommended)
- Finalize your floral designs with your Florist
- Start planning your music selections for your ceremony and reception

6 - 7 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Book Transportation for you and/or your guests to and from venues
- Choose Hair and Make-up ideas for your wedding
- Meet or call Officiant to go over ceremony plans
- Reserve any rentals needed (chairs, linens, décor, etc.) Your planner can help with this
- Purchase Wedding Bands and get them insured
- Choose Groom and Groomsmen attire
- Decide a date for Bachelor and Bachelorette Party

4 - 5 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Schedule dress fittings
- Book honeymoon flights and hotels
- Book a room for your wedding night
- Do a trial run of Hair/ Make-up for your wedding
- Finalize wedding Cake/ Dessert order
- Create a Rehearsal Dinner guest list
- Reserve Rehearsal Dinner Venue
- Finalize Wedding guest list

3 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Mail out Invitations
- Choose guest wedding favors
- Write Vows if you are doing your own
- Select any special readings for the ceremony
- Purchase Guestbook, Flower-Girl basket, and Ring Bearer pillow.
- Finalize Reception Menu with Caterer

2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Research Marriage License
- Organize RSVPs and begin seating arrangements if you like
- Call all vendors to confirm the date, time, and location of the Ceremony and/or Reception (if you don't have a planner)
- Create a wedding day timeline and send it to all of your Vendors and Officiant (if you don't have a planner)
- Write out your honeymoon itinerary for your family
- Decide on traditions such as "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue"
- Purchase Gifts for Bride and Groom attendants
- Break in your Wedding Shoes
- Keep working on music selections for DJ/Band

1 MONTH BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Pay vendors in full
- Refresh your hair color and cut if needed
- Do your final Dress Fitting
- If you wrote your vows, practice them out loud
- Pick up wedding rings if you haven't already
- Confirm final plans with your Officiant
- Apply for your Marriage License
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Pack for wedding and honeymoon (if traveling)
- Attend Bachelor or Bachelorette party
- Write and send Thank you notes for any gifts already received
- If you have a pet and are traveling, consider a pet sitter or boarding

1 - 2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Follow up with Guests who have not RSVP's
- Gift final count to caterer
- Get a helper (mom, Maid of Honor, etc.) to return tuxes, rentals and to take care of your Wedding Dress after your celebration
- Finalize images and styles wanted with photographer and videographer
- Prepare wedding day Emergency Kit
- Finalize directions with the Transportation company
- Prepare cash tips for all service personnel (Caterer, Planner, DJ, Officiant, etc.)
- Get Nails done and consider a girls day relaxing at a Spa with your attendants

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Attend your wedding rehearsal and have fun!
- Eat a good, healthy meal
- Make sure you have everything you need for the day of.
- Go to bed at a decent time to get a good night sleep (going to bed early may help (your mind will be racing)

YOUR WEDDING DAY!

- Eat a good breakfast!
- Drink plenty of water
- Bring your marriage license to the ceremony site for the officiant
- Give wedding rings and officiant fee to the Best Man
- Have a comfortable pair of shoes for after the ceremony
- Relax, smile, and have fun! Don't sweat the small stuff!
- CONGRATULATIONS!!!

After Your Wedding

- Confirm all tuxes and rentals have been returned
- Confirm your wedding dress has been cleaned and/or preserved
- If you changed your name, make sure to change your name on all of your accounts including your social security card.
- Send your Thank You cards!
- Choose photos for your Wedding photo album. Consider giving photos and/or small photo albums to your parents and in-laws.
- If you were happy with your vendors, leave them reviews! If not, contact them and let them know why.
- Ensure your cake top or leftover wedding cake has been frozen so you can celebrate your one-year anniversary with it
- Reuse leftover wedding favors
- Do a social media review of your wedding, especially if you created your wedding hashtag