

Wedding Planning

CHECKLIST

12-18 Months

- Insure your engagement ring.
- Put together a tentative guest list and budget.
- Tour top reception and wedding venue choices.
- Book the venue.
- Set the date, and let close family and friends know.
- Consider hiring a wedding planner.
- Notify your wedding party.
- Start your gift registry at two or more stores.
- Research and book photographers, videographers, officiants and entertainment.
- Book your engagement photo session.

Nine Months

- Start searching for decor inspiration.
- Decide on a rehearsal dinner venue, menu and guest list.
- Try on bridal gowns.
- Design and order invitations.
- Book a florist.
- Research and select bridesmaid dresses.
- Choose a caterer for your reception.
- Taste samples and order a cake/desserts.
- Research honeymoon sites, and book your hotel/accommodations.
- Request all necessary days off work.

Six Months

- Select attire for groom, groomsmen, flower girl and ring bearer.
- Make appointments for hair and makeup.
- Create a wedding website if you would like to have one.
- Send out save-the-date cards.
- Arrange a block of hotels for those coming from out-of-town.
- Schedule a bridal portrait session.

Four Months

- Buy wedding bands and finalize wedding accessories.
- Book a wedding night hotel and finalize honeymoon plans.
- Arrange your transportation between venues for the wedding day.
- Start working on vows if writing your own.
- Create a song list for the band or DJ.

Two Months

- Schedule a dress fitting.
- Invite rehearsal dinner guests.
- Plan the order of your ceremony with your officiant.
- Mail wedding invitations.
- Write and mail thank you notes for any bridal showers.
- Buy thank you gifts for the bridal party and parents.

One Month

- Prepare a photo/video shoot checklist for the photographer.
- Recruit helpers to man guest book and distribute programs.
- Get your license for marriage (usually good for 60 days).
- Check in with those who have not RSVP'd.
- Get haircuts, teeth whitening and any other cosmetic procedures.
- Prepare welcome bags for guests staying at nearby hotels.

One to Two Weeks

- Confirm wedding day details with all vendors.
- Finalize your seating chart for the reception.
- Pack for the wedding night and honeymoon trip.
- Communicate to the wedding party about the day-of schedule.
- Schedule a run through of hair and makeup.

The Last Few Days

- Get a manicure/pedicure and pamper yourself.
- Decorate the venue the day before if possible.
- Give out wedding party gifts at the rehearsal dinner.
- Show up early for your rehearsal, and clarify any questions with your officiant and wedding party.
- Thank your parents and other loved ones.
- Pack all attire, and remind the wedding party when to arrive.



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