

Wedding Planning Checklist

12 – 18 months

- Announce engagement to family and friends
- Discuss “who is paying for what”
- Set your wedding budget
- Consider purchasing wedding insurance (before laying down non-refundable deposits)
- Research vendors for ideas, services and pricing
- Create a wedding website
- Choose your wedding attendants
- Begin compiling guest list
- Mail Save the Dates (6-12 months ahead of wedding date)
- Research wedding dress and veil styles
- Research and decide on wedding planner

8 – 10 months

- Choose bridal party attire
- Book vendors
- Purchase wedding dress
- Establish a fitness routine

6 – 8 months

- Research and order invitations
- Begin planning wedding programs
- Begin planning honeymoon
- Register at three national retailers
- Choose cake style and baker (schedule tastings)
- Reserve any rental equipment
- Research and book transportation to and from venues
- Mail Save the Dates (if you haven't already)
- Order wedding bands
- Research three different nearby hotels at different price points for out of town (OOT) guests

4 – 6 months

- Choose and order flowers for wedding party, venues, cake, and attendants.
- Make honeymoon reservations

- Research wedding day hairstyle
- Choose groomsmen attire
- Finalize Favors and Reception Items
- Plan welcome baskets for OOT guests
- Make and book rehearsal dinner plans

3 months

- Plan ceremony and reception seating arrangements
- Experiment with hair and veil with stylist
- Purchase guestbook (or DIY), toasting flutes, serving pieces, flower basket and ring-bearer pillow

2 months

- Begin writing vows
- Mail invitations
- Book spa and beauty treatments for you and your wedding party
- Review and confirm ceremony details with officiate
- Purchase gifts for attendants
- First dress fitting
- Apply for marriage license
- Submit wedding announcement to newspaper
- Finalize transportation arrangements
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Finalize playlists with musicians
- Create, copy, and send wedding day schedules to vendors, wedding party, parents and officiate
- Create contact info sheet for your loved ones while you're on honeymoon
- Confirm reservations for OOT guests
- Confirm that wedding party and parents have their fittings and attire complete

1 month

- Call vendors and confirm dates, times, and locations
- Final dress fitting
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Pick up wedding rings
- Pack for honeymoon

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- Write Thank You notes as gifts are received
- Pick up your marriage license and order 2-3 extra copies
- Order wedding programs

2 weeks

- Give final count to caterer
- Update registries
- Begin breaking in wedding shoes
- Make necessary arrangements for when on honeymoon: pets, mail...
- Final haircut and color
- Get your playlists to DJ/Musicians
- Delegate wedding day duties: gift table, guestbook attendant, etc.
- Delegate someone to return tuxes and other rental items
- Send directions to wedding day transportation drivers

1 week

- Prepare final payments to vendors
- Lay out wedding clothes to make sure you have everything
- Prepare wedding day emergency kit
- Give your readers their scripts
- Spa treatments
- Give photographer and videographer request(s) for shots and moments you want captured

The Day Before

- Mani/Pedi
- Massage
- Wedding Rehearsal
- Rehearsal dinner
- Get to bed at a decent hour!

Day of the Wedding

- Eat a good breakfast!
- Mail wedding announcements to extended friends, family, and colleagues (optional)
- Allow yourself plenty of time to get ready
- Congratulations! ENJOY the Day!

After the Honeymoon

- Send Thank You Cards as soon as possible
- Enjoy your Marriage