

# Wedding Checklist

## 9-12 Months Before the Wedding

- Announce the engagement to family & friends
- Plan an engagement party
- Create a budget
- Set a wedding date
- Book ceremony and reception venue
- Hire a wedding planner
- Start a guest list

## 6-9 Months Before the Wedding

- Send save the dates
- Start shopping for wedding dress, veil, shoes, jewelry, etc.
- Select bridesmaid dresses
- Hire florist for center pieces, bouquets, and arrangements
- Hire photographer and/or videographer
- Hire DJ or band
- Select an officiant
- Book hotel for out-of-town guests - don't forget to ask about special room blocks!
- Book Bridal Suite
- Plan honeymoon
  - Research destinations
  - Book airfare
  - Book accommodations
  - Determine if passport, visa, or immunizations will be needed

## 4-6 Months Before the Wedding

- Sign up for one or more gift registries
- Design & order wedding invitations
- Taste test & order wedding cake
- Discuss and finalize catering menu
- Select rental items if needed (tables, chairs, dishware, serving tables)
- Purchase wedding rings
- Organize and order groomsmen apparel
- Select groom's tux
- Plan bachelorette party & bridal shower (or confirm dates if someone is planning for you!)
- Research ideas for wedding hair & makeup
- Select helpers if needed for ceremony (readers, musicians, ushers, etc.)

## 2-4 Months Before the Wedding

- Finalize guest list
- Send out invitations 8 weeks before the wedding
- Select music for ceremony, reception, etc
- Book makeup artist and hairstylist
- Order wedding favors
- Organize wedding transportation
  - Is there transportation to and from airport?
  - Is there transportation to and from the venue?
- Purchase bridal party gifts
- Check & update registry

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## 1-2 Months Before the Wedding

- Have final bridal gown fitting
- Design wedding programs
- Finalize ceremony (readings, songs, officiant, etc)
- Write vows
- Prepare photo and video shot list

## 3-4 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Get marriage license
- Send out rehearsal dinner invitations
- Meet with makeup artist & hairstylist to finalize hair and makeup
- Have a final venue walk-through with all vendors

## 1-2 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Make final payments for all services
- Finalize wedding day schedule and share with vendors and wedding party
- Pick up wedding dress if needed
- Give caterer/reception venue final head count
- Reconfirm all plans with service providers (DJ, venue sites, florists, photographer, musicians, etc)
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Confirm all rental delivery times
- Prepare place cards
- Pack for wedding and honeymoon!

## The Day Before the Wedding

- Prepare payment envelopes
- Rehearse ceremony with wedding party and officiant
- Give rings to best man
- Get manicure and pedicure
- Confirm flight arrangements for honeymoon

## The Big Day

- Relax, have a glass of champagne, and get ready with hair and makeup. Make sure to eat something!
- Say 'I do!'
- Enjoy the reception

## After the Wedding

- Get wedding gown cleaned & stored
- Preserve bouquet
- Write and send thank-you notes
- Apply for & finalize name change, joint bank accounts, etc.
- Meet with photographer/videographer to receive photos, albums, and video