

Wedding Checklist

Start your wedding planning with an easy-to-use wedding checklist that will keep you organized and on top of things!

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Twelve months before

- Set date and time
- Gather information from bridal books and other resources
- Discuss the formality, size and location of the ceremony and reception with both families
- Decide on a budget and the division of expenses
- Determine the size of the guest list
- Confirm date and time with officiate
- Book ceremony and reception sites
- Choose and contact attendants
- Shop for wedding gown and accessories
- Select dresses for bridesmaids
- Select and book a wedding consultant, photographer, videographer, caterer, florists and musicians or DJ.
- Announce engagement in the newspaper
- Discuss where you will live after the wedding



Nine months before

- Start a guest list
- Decide on honeymoon destination
- Plan music for the ceremony and reception
- Select and order wedding rings and arrange for engraving
- Register for china, linens, etc.



Six months before

- ___ Order invitations, announcements, napkins, thank-you notes and programs
- ___ Order party favors
- ___ Finalize honeymoon plans
- ___ Plan wedding decorations
- ___ Register at gift and department stores
- ___ Finalize guest list
- ___ Pay all deposits for any services reserved and get all contracts signed
- ___ Reserve all rental equipment needed for reception and wedding
- ___ Meet with caterer, florist, photographer, baker
- ___ Select and order wedding cake



Five months before

- ___ Purchase rings
- ___ Have the groom, groomsmen and any others fitted for their formal attire
- ___ Check on marriage license; sometimes there are requirements
- ___ Ask friends or family members to help with the guest book, reception, etc.



Three months before

- ___ Plan the ceremony rehearsal
- ___ Plan the rehearsal dinner
- ___ Mail invitations four to six weeks in advance
- ___ Shop for trousseau
- ___ Confirm final fitting and delivery date for dresses and gown
- ___ Select hair and makeup stylist
- ___ Select going-away outfit
- ___ Select gifts for attendants
- ___ Buy wedding album and guest books
- ___ Schedule a wedding portrait
- ___ Contact photographer, reception site, florist and caterer to verify dates and all details of what is ordered
- ___ Contact the rental equipment company and ask for a printout so you can verify the date and number of items is correct
- ___ Arrange transportation for the wedding day
- ___ Send thank-you notes for any gifts received early and/or bridal showers



Two months before

- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Finalize arrangements for music and wedding cake



One month before

- Notify the wedding party of rehearsal time and invite guests to the rehearsal dinner
- Obtain your marriage license
- Contact caterer with final count of guests
- Delegate all last-minute items
- Make sure groomsmen have been fitted for their attire, and that bridesmaids have been fitted and have all the accessories
- Provide in writing to your consultant the order of events for the ceremony



One to two weeks before

- Have final fittings for all attire
- Record each gift as it is received and write thank-you notes promptly
- Provide photographer with a list of desired photos
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Pick up wedding rings
- Verify all honeymoon arrangements



The day before

- Have your hair and nails done
- Give gifts to attendants
- Hold rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Place all attire and accessories in one place



The wedding day

- Allow plenty of time to get ready
- Thank everyone who helped along the way
- Eat a good breakfast
- Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!