

# Wedding Planning Checklist

## 12+ months

- Congratulations! Announce engagement.
- Pick a date.
- Talk budget and determine who is contributing what.
- Decide on wedding style.
- Choose wedding party:  
Maid of Honor and Bridemaids,  
Best Man and Groomsmen,  
Flower Girl and Ring Bearer
- Create a wedding website.
- Get engagement ring insured and consider purchasing wedding insurance.
- Take engagement photo.
- Begin compiling guest list.
- Research ceremony and reception venues.
- Research wedding planner and vendors;  
Photographer  
Videographer  
Caterer  
Musicians.
- Research wedding dress and veil styles.
- Sign up for Pinterest and create wedding style/idea boards. Start pinning!
- Order Save the Dates.
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## 10-12 months

- Mail Save the Dates
- Research florists
- Choose bridal party attire and accessories.
- Book ceremony and reception venues.
- Book officiant
- Book:  
Photographer  
Videographer  
Caterer  
Musicians  
Planner
- Purchase wedding dress and veil
- Establish a fitness routine
- Establish skin care/beauty routine.
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## 8-10 months

- Research three hotels for out-of-town guests.'
- Finalize guest list.
- Register at three national retailers.
- Book florist.
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## *6-8 months*

- Research Wedding Invitation designs.
- Research Favors and Thank You Cards.
- Research wedding day hair and makeup styles
- Meet with officiant to discuss plans for ceremony.
- Reserve rentals:
  - Chairs
  - Linens
  - Lighting
  - Décor, etc.
- Begin planning honeymoon.
- Choose cake style and schedule tastings.
- Choose groomsmen attire
- Book ceremony musicians.
- Book transportation to and from venues.
- Purchase wedding bands.
- Personalize and order wedding invitations
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## *4-6 months*

- Choose flowers for:
  - Wedding party
  - Venues
  - Cake
  - Attendants
- Plan welcome baskets for out-of-town guests
- Schedule dress fittings.
- Prepare (play/do not play) playlists for DJ/band
- Book honeymoon flights and hotels.
- Book room for wedding night.
- Order wedding cake.
- Order wedding invitations.
- Order favors and Thank-You cards.

## *3 months*

- Plan ceremony and reception seating arrangements.
- Experiment with hair and veil with stylist.
- Finalize readers and readings.
- Book rehearsal dinner venue.
- Purchase:
  - Toasting flutes
  - Serving pieces
  - Guestbook
  - Flower basket and ring-bearer pillow
- Finalize reception menu
- Order menu cards
- Order rehearsal dinner invitations.

## *2 months*

- Mail invitations.
- Develop system for organizing RSVPs.
- Begin writing vows.
- Review ceremony details with officiant.
- Lay out the content for wedding programs.
- Apply for marriage license (order 2-3 extra)
- Finalize wedding day timeline.
- Finalize seating arrangements.
- Finalize playlists with musicians.
- Finalize fittings and attire for wedding party and parents.
- Create “wedding day” schedule and send to vendors and officiant.
- Create honeymoon itinerary for family at home.
- Decide “Something Old, New, Borrowed & Blue”
- Book spa and beauty treatments for you and bridal party.
- Book wedding day transportation.
- Purchase gifts for attendants.
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## *1 month*

- Call vendors to confirm date, times and locations.
- Final dress fitting.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations.
- Pick up wedding rings.
- Pick up marriage license.
- Pack for honeymoon.
- Write Thank You notes as gifts are received.
- Order Wedding programs.

## *2 weeks*

- Follow up with guests who haven't yet RSVP'd.
- Give final count to caterer
- Update registries.
- Begin breaking in wedding shoes.
- Make arrangements for the caring of pets and plants while on honeymoon.
- Get final haircut and color.
- Get playlists to DJ/Musicians.
- Delegate wedding day duties: Gift table, guestbook, etc.
- Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals and tend to wedding dress.
- Send directions to wedding day limo/ transportation driver.

## *1 week*

- Prepare final payments to vendors plus cash tips for service personnel.
- Prepare wedding day emergency kit.
- Lay out wedding clothes.
- Give readers their scripts, if necessary.
- Give photographer and videographer your image and video requests.
- Get spa treatments for you and the bridal party.
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## *The Day Before*

- Deliver welcome baskets.
- Get Mani/Pedi/Massage.
- Attend wedding rehearsal.
- Have fun at the rehearsal dinner.
- Get to bed at a decent hour!
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## *Wedding Day*

- Eat a good breakfast!
- Mail wedding announcements.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to get ready.
- Give wedding rings and officiant fee to Best Man.
- Congratulations! ENJOY the day!
- Breathe...
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## *After the Wedding*

- Return tuxes, rentals.
- Get wedding dress to preservationist or cleaners.
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## *After the Honeymoon*

- Send Thank You Cards as soon as possible.
- Enjoy your marriage!
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