

The following wedding planning checklist itemizes everything you need to do or consider when planning your wedding, and the best time frame to accomplish your activity.

This checklist assumes that you have 12 months or more to plan your wedding. If your wedding is in less than 12 months, just start at the beginning of the list and try to catch up as quickly as you can!

Use the boxes to the left of the items to check off the activities as you accomplish them. This will help you to see your progress and will help you determine what has been done and what still needs to be done.

12 OR MORE MONTHS BEFORE

- Determine date and time for wedding, plus 2nd and 3rd choice.
- Decide on the size, formality and setting of your wedding.
- Create a wedding and engagement budget.
- Reserve the locations for your wedding and reception.
- Meet with and book the officiating clergy.
- Choose your wedding party and confirm the participants.
- Choose your wedding rings.
- Draw up an initial guest list.
- Organize your engagement party.

9 - 12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose your wedding dress and attendants' attire.
- Book your photographer and videographer.
- Reserve a caterer.
- Book your live entertainment or DJ.
- Reserve your florist.
- Reserve your cake designer.
- Reserve any rental items from the rental company.
- Register your gift choices at your favorite stores.
- Research accommodation for out-of-town guests.
- Plan your honeymoon.

6 - 9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Decide on your menu.
- Reserve the musicians and soloist for your ceremony.
- Reserve your limousine service.
- Order your invitations and any other stationery.
- Order bombonieres for your guests.
- Choose the mothers' outfits.
- Check marriage license requirements.

3 - 6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize the guest list.
- Choose the reader for your ceremony.
- Finalize your order with the florist.
- Reserve the men's wedding attire.
- Make an appointment with your hairdresser.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Mail the invitations.
- Decide on your wedding vows or compose your own.
- Finalize the reception menus.
- Confirm the wedding details with the musicians and clergy.
- Have the programs printed.
- Purchase gifts for parents and attendants.
- Make appointments for nails and make-up.
- Schedule final dress fitting.

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Apply for a marriage license.
- Plan the rehearsal dinner.
- Meet with photographer and videographer.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Have the attendants' parties.
- Draft the speeches.
- Finalize reception details.
- Call any guests who have not replied.
- Meet with your hairdresser and beautician for consultation.
- Deliver song lists to musicians or playlist to DJ.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations.

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Finalize seating plan.
- Determine the order for the procession.
- Have your rehearsal.
- Confirm accommodation reservations.
- Pick up the attire for the groomsmen.
- Confirm the final numbers with the caterer.
- Confirm details with the limousine company.
- Deliver your marriage license to the officiant.
- Draw up a seating chart for the reception and write out the place cards.
- Choose someone to be the photographer's contact for the day.
- Choose someone to hand out the bombonieres.
- Choose someone to return any rented items after the wedding.
- Write any cheques required for the wedding day.
- Pack for your honeymoon.

ON THE DAY

- Give the wedding bands to the best man.
- Give the best man any cheques that need to be given out that day.
- Present the attendants and parents with their gifts.
- Relax and enjoy your special day!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Make a gift list and send out your thank-you notes.