

WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST



12+ MONTHS

- Have fun announcing your engagement!
- Choose a date (or up to 3 so you can be flexible).
- Talk budget and decide **who's contributing what**.
- Discover your wedding style.
- Choose your wedding party: maid of honor, bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen, flower girl and ring bearer.
- Create a wedding website.
- Get engagement ring insured and consider purchasing wedding insurance.
- Begin compiling a guest list.
- Explore ceremony and reception venue options.
- Start assembling a team of wedding pros: planner, photographer, videographer, caterer, florist, and musicians.
- Browse wedding dress and veil styles.
- Create wedding and style boards on Pinterest. **Follow** us for ideas!
- Subscribe to **Our Newsletter** for wedding inspiration, tips, and deals.
- Get engagement photos taken.
- Start browsing **Save the Date** designs to find your favorite shape and size.
- See your favorite designs in person. Order custom **Save the Date** samples.
- Place your full **Save the Date** order based on your favorite custom sample!
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10-11 MONTHS

- Choose bridal party attire and accessories.
- Reserve ceremony and reception venues.
- Book officiant and check into premarital counseling.
- Hire photographer, videographer, caterer, DJ/band, florist, and planner.
- Finalize guest address list.
- Mail your Save the Dates.
- Purchase wedding dress, veil and undergarments.
- Establish a healthy skin and wellness routine.
- Research honeymoon destinations.
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8-9 MONTHS

- Find 3 hotels (at different price points) for out-of-town guests.
- Browse **Wedding Invitation** designs and coordinating stationery (Enclosures, Programs, Menu Cards, Thank Yous, and Favors).
- Refine and update guest address list as needed.
- Create gift registries at 2-3 national and/or online retailers.
- Begin planning honeymoon.

6-7 MONTHS

- Explore wedding day hair and makeup styles.
- Hire ceremony musicians.
- Meet with officiant to discuss plans for ceremony.
- Book transportation to and from venues.
- Reserve rentals: chairs, linens, lighting, décor, etc.
- Purchase wedding bands.
- Choose dessert style and schedule tastings.
- Decide on a date for the Bachelor and Bachelorette party or weekend.
- Decide on groomsmen attire.
- Order **Thank You Cards** (for bridal shower and gifts that arrive early).
- See your favorite designs in person. Order custom **Wedding Invitation samples**.

4-5 MONTHS

- Place your full **Wedding Invitation** order based on your favorite custom sample!
- Plan welcome baskets for out-of-town guests.
- Choose flowers for: wedding party, attendants, venues, cake, etc.
- Prepare {play/do not play} lists for DJ/band.
- Schedule dress fittings.
- Finalize wedding guest list.
- Assemble rehearsal dinner guest list.
- Book honeymoon flights and hotels.
- Book rehearsal dinner venue.
- Book room for wedding night.
- Order **Rehearsal Dinner Invitations**.
- Order wedding dessert/cake.
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3 MONTHS

- Finalize honeymoon plans and ensure all documents are in order.
- Purchase: toasting flutes, serving pieces, guestbook, flower basket and ring bearer pillow.
- Plan ceremony and reception seating.
- Finalize reception menu.
- Experiment with hair and veil with stylist.
- Order **Menu Cards** and **Wedding Favors**
- Finalize readers, readings, and music for the ceremony.
- Mail Wedding Invitations.

2 MONTHS

- Develop system for organizing RSVPs.
- Begin writing vows.
- Review ceremony details with officiant.
- Lay out the content for **Wedding Programs**.
- Apply for marriage license.
- Finalize seating arrangements.
- Finalize playlists with musicians.
- Finalize fittings for wedding party and parents.
- Create wedding day timeline and send to your vendors, officiant and wedding party.
- Write out honeymoon itinerary for family at home.
- Decide "Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue."
- Book spa and beauty treatments for you and your bridal party.
- Book wedding day transportation.
- Purchase gifts for attendants.

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1 MONTH

- Call vendors to confirm date, times and location.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations.
- Pack for honeymoon.
- Pick up wedding rings.
- Confirm final plans with wedding officiant.
- Attend Bachelor/Bachelorette party.
- Order **Wedding Programs**.
- Final dress fitting (with shoes & undergarments).
- Write Thank You notes as gifts are received.
- Look for pet sitter/boarding options to cover wedding and honeymoon.

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2 WEEKS

- Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd.
- Give final count to caterer.
- Update registries.
- Begin breaking in wedding shoes.
- Send playlists to DJ/band/ceremony musicians.
- Get final haircut and color.
- 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.

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1 WEEK

- Prepare final payments to vendors and cash tips for service personnel.
- Give readers their scripts.
- Give photographer and videographer your image and video requests.
- Lay out wedding clothes.
- Prepare wedding day emergency kit.
- 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!
- Allow yourself plenty of time to get ready.
- Give wedding rings and officiant fee to best man.
- Relax, smile, and soak in every incredible moment.

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BEYOND THE WEDDING

- Ensure tuxes and rentals have been returned.
- Get wedding dress to preservationist or cleaners.
- Order and send **Photo Thank You Cards** (include a wedding photo).
- Order **Personalized Stationery** with your new last name.
- Put your favorite wedding photo on a beautiful **Custom Canvas**.