

Wedding Checklist

12 MONTHS OR EARLIER

(To be completed by ___/___/___)

- Decide on date (choose a second or third date as backup)
- Create a wedding and engagement budget
- Organize your engagement party
- Engagement announcements to newspapers
- Decide on the type of wedding you want (i.e. theme, formal, indoor, outdoor, etc.)
- Set time and location of Ceremony, Rehearsal & Reception Venue
- Book a Wedding Planner
- Start looking for a Photographer; obtain estimates
- Start looking for a Videographer; obtain estimates
- Start looking for DJ services and/or Live Entertainment; obtain estimates
- Start looking for a Florist; obtain estimates
- Start looking for a Caterer; obtain estimates
- Start looking for a Clergyman/Officiant
- Determine your colour scheme
- Compose an initial guest list
- Select bridesmaids/groomsmen and confirm their participation
- Shop for wedding gown (several fittings will be required)
- Shop for dresses for bridesmaids
- Register with gift registry
- Pick a honeymoon destination (order/renew passports & inoculations if required)
- Research your wedding rings
- Start attending Bridal Shows

9 – 12 MONTHS BEFORE

(To be completed by ___/___/___)

- Finalize Guest List
- Order invitations & announcements
- Plan Reception
- Book Professional Photographer/Videographer
- Book Live Entertainment and/or DJ
- Book Florists
- Book Caterer
- Start looking at wedding cakes
- Order wedding gown & accessories
- Order Bridesmaid dresses
- Choose attire for Groom & Groomsmen
- Arrange transportation for wedding party to and from ceremony & reception locations
- If you are renting equipment, reserve it now (floral pillars, tents, etc.)
- Find accommodations for out of town guests
- Consider liability insurance for wedding reception
- Make honeymoon reservations

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6 – 9 MONTHS BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Order personal stationary and thank you notes
- Order your Wedding Cake / Pastries
- Order your flowers
- Book transportation/Limousine
- Go over details of reception and menu with caterer/hotel manager
- Make appointment for first dress fitting
- Make sure bridesmaids go to their dress fittings
- Assist in choosing your parent's outfits
- Review Marriage Licence requirements

3 – 6 MONTHS BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Finalize the Guest List
- Confirm order with the Florist
- Confirm music selection
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Reserve men's wedding attire
- Choose your readers for the ceremony
- Make appointments with the hairdresser and beauty experts
- Make bridal shower arrangements

2 MONTHS BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Mail out invitations
- Finalize the reception menus
- Inform Clergyman/Officiant of the details of your ceremony
- Keep a gift diary – send thank you notes as gifts arrive
- Fine tune guest list, if needed
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Select bridesmaid's and groomsmen's gifts
- Check all services
- Final gown fitting
- Apply for Marriage Licence

1 MONTH BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Choose wedding bands, if you have not done so already
- Check wedding party apparel
- Arrange final fitting of bridesmaid's dresses
- Confirm music arrangements and check selections
- Discuss rehearsal dinner with hosts
- Attend Bridal Showers
- Meet with and finalize plans with Photographer/Videographer

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2 WEEKS BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Plan your wedding day hairstyle (bring headpiece & Veil)
- Final check on wedding party clothing
- Check with Caterer/Reception Venue with last minute changes
- Call any invited guests who have not responded
- Confirm reception details
- Draft wedding speeches
- Rehearse your wedding vows
- Find "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue"

1 WEEK BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Call rehearsal dinner site to finalize plans and give number of people who will be attending
- Remind rehearsal dinner guests of time and location
- Pick up your dress
- Pick up attire for groom and groomsmen
- Pick up bridesmaid dresses
- Finalize seating plans
- Confirm ceremony details
- Confirm florist order
- Confirm videographer
- Confirm photographer & and any special photos you want taken
- Confirm all music for ceremony & reception including first dance
- Complete wedding speeches
- Arrange all final payments to vendors
- Deliver marriage licence to officiant
- Arrange to have someone return any rented items after wedding
- Pack for your honeymoon

1 DAY BEFORE

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Brides and bridesmaids have manicure & pedicures
- Confirm all your reservation times (i.e. limo pick up, hair, etc.)
- Attend wedding rehearsal and dinner
- Hand out wedding party gifts & parent gifts
- Get a good night sleep

THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING

(To be completed by __/__/__)

- Eat breakfast
- Go to your hair and make up appointments
- Give cheques that needed to be given that day to best man
- Give wedding rings to best man
- HAVE FUN!!!