

wedding checklist



12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Select a wedding date and time
- Start a budget and establish who will pay what expenses
- Determine style and size of the wedding you want (including the guest list)
- Reserve a location for both the ceremony and reception
- Book your photographer
- Book your wedding consultant
- Check with your wedding officiant for any pre-marital requirements
- Create a personal wedding website

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Alert out-of-town guests of your wedding date and location
- Research accommodations and have a list available for out-of-town guests
- Finalize color scheme, style of wedding and attire
- Select wedding party
- Start shopping for your wedding gown and bridesmaid's dresses
- Check and secure any rental needs
- Book your ceremony music
- Book your reception entertainment (DJ or live band)
- Book your videographer
- Book your caterer
- Book your florist
- Book a bakery and cake
- Select travel agent specializing in honeymoons and book your honeymoon
- Start your honeymoon registry

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding gown
- Choose headpiece and bridal accessories
- Order bridesmaids dress (be sure to get correct measurements)
- Select men's formalwear
- Start your wedding gift registry
- Shop for wedding rings and bands
- Make transportation arrangements
- Book any additional décor
- Arrange for newspaper announcements

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4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Select your invitation style and wording
- Finalize guest list
- Order all invitations and other stationary
- Book beverage caterer (espresso bar and/or traditional bar services)
- Shop for wedding favors
- Select the reception menu
- Meet with hair and makeup stylist for wedding day look - do a trial run
- Check for marriage requirements and blood testing laws
- Select and coordinate mother's dresses and accessories
- Make appointment for first fittings for all bridal attire

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Shop for gifts for your attendants
- Schedule 2nd fitting for bridal attire
- Reserve men's formalwear
- Confirm ceremony and reception locations
- Confirm details with all wedding professionals involved
- Finalize honeymoon plans; apply for passports and/or visas if required
- Book accommodations and flights for out town guests
- Select a calligraphy expert to address invitations
- Mail out invitations
- Purchase wedding day accessories: ring pillows, candles, glasses & cake knife
- Book rehearsal dinner location
- Plan wedding party celebrations
- Design and order your wedding program.
- Get your marriage license

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Start compiling your wedding day schedule
- Prepare a list for table assignments and order of receiving line
- Schedule final fitting for wedding dress and attendants
- Schedule formal bridal portraits
- Begin writing thank you notes
- Finalize rehearsal dinner plans
- Purchase bridal party gifts

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DAY BEFORE WEDDING

- Prepare payment envelopes and choose a responsible person to distribute after the wedding
- Attend Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Relax and go to bed early

THE BIG DAY!

- Eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of fluids
- Review the day's schedule
- Have your suitcases and travel documents delivered to the hotel

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Get your dress cleaned and preserved
- Write and mail thank you notes
- Complete your name change kit
- Meet with photographer and videographer to finalize decisions regarding albums and video