



Wedding Calendar Checklist

The following checklist is designed with the (ideal) timetable of 12 months. If your planning your wedding on a shorter schedule, just start at the beginning of the list and try to catch up as quickly as possible. Use the lines to the left of each item to check things off as you complete them.

9 to 12 Months Before the Wedding Day

- Arrange a gathering for you and your parents, determine a budget and how expenses will be shared
- Discuss the size, style, location and scope of the wedding you want to have
- Choose a target wedding date and time. (The actual date will depend on venue availability)
- Create a binder to store and organize your ideas, worksheets, receipts, brochures, etc.
- Visit and reserve wedding and reception sites and meet with your officiant
- Start compiling your guest list to estimate your head count. Consider budget when thinking about “must-invites” versus
- Begin Shopping for your wedding gown

6 to 9 Months Prior

- Chose Members of your wedding party
- Register for wedding/shower gifts and shop for wedding rings
- Hire a wedding photographer, videographer and florist
- Book and engagement photo session, especially if you plan to include a professional picture with your save-the-date cards
- Hire a caterer or make deposit to reception venue, inquire about scheduling a menu tasting
- Make arrangements for music to be played at the ceremony and reception. (tasks might include booking a band, solo musician, hiring a DJ, choosing musical selection and so on)
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests (Ask hotel about group rates)
- Send our Save-the-Date cards (Include lodging information and maps, etc.)
- Select & order wedding gown, leaving ample time for deliver and alterations and shop for bridesmaid dresses
- Schedule wedding cake design appointments and tastings
- Start researching and planning your honeymoon (this may require applying for or renewing your passports)

4 to 6 Months Prior

- Finalize guest list, order invitations (ensure to order about 25 extra) and other wedding stationary (place cards, thank you)
- Plan wedding-day beauty preparations; ask your stylist how far in advance they book wedding parties and whether they are
- Finalize all honeymoon plans
- Hire your wedding day transportation (carriage, limousine, trolley, etc.)
- Plan the rehearsal dinner

2 to 4 Months Prior

- Obtain a marriage license. Bring all necessary documents
- Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen
- Meet with the caterer or reception venue for tasting, to go over menus, wine selection, etc.
- Order the wedding cake
- Confirm wedding ceremony location and reception entertainment
- Reserve a hotel room for the wedding night
- If you plan to write your own vows, start writing them now.

4 to 8 Weeks Prior

Mail the wedding invitations a minimum of 8 weeks before your wedding date

Do a hair and makeup run-through (including wedding veil and head piece if applicable)

Confirm all transportation plans

2 to 4 Weeks Prior

Work on seating arrangements for the reception

Finalize arrangements for out-of-town attendants and guests

Confirm details with the photographer, videographer, florist, bakery and any other vendor

Have a final fitting for your bridal gown and your bridesmaids dresses

Write your rehearsal dinner toast

Purchase gifts for the wedding attendants and each other

Compile a list of all the wedding vendors and wedding party, with contact information. Carry this list with you wherever you go (just in case)

Communicate rehearsal dinner details to those who will attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

Look into where the bride, groom and attendants will dress for the ceremony

1 Week Prior

Enclose any fees due on the wedding day in envelopes for easy distribution

Give the caterer or reception venue a final headcount

Appoint a person to bring important items (cake knife, toasting glasses, etc.) to the reception

Appoint someone to act as an "organizer" to handle any last minute problems

Review final details for those in the wedding party

The Day Before the Wedding

Gather together: Something old (symbolizing continuity with family and heritage), something new (symbolizing optimism and hope for the new life ahead), something borrowed (an item from a happily married friend or family member), something blue (symbolizing love and fidelity)

Confirm honeymoon arrangements (hotel, transportation, flights, etc.) and pack luggage

Enjoy a relaxing day with family and friends

Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner; give gifts to attendants

Give the rings and officiant fee to the best man

Get a good nights sleep

Wedding Day

Eat a healthy breakfast and drink water

Arrive on-time for all beauty appointments

Allow at least 2 hours for getting dressed

Make the rounds at your wedding, greet everyone and thank them for coming

Relax and ENJOY your day!

After the Honeymoon - Back to Reality

Write and send thank you cards

Complete your gift registry and exchange any duplicate or unwanted gifts

Have your wedding dress cleaned and preserved by a professional service

Keep in contact with Photographer & videographer to work on albums, DVD's, etc.

Submit name change forms for drivers license, passport, Social Security card, bank accounts, credit cards, etc.