



Dress Checklist

Every bride is different, you may want a princess ball gown or a charmeuse slip dress, but no matter what you're going to have to try some on to figure out what works best for you! A common misconception is that once you buy the dress you're done! Use this checklist to make sure that your perfect dress doesn't become a 'runaway bride'.

12 MONTHS TO GO

- Set Your Gown Budget
Don't forget to include alteration cost- on average a \$500-800 addition to gown cost.
- Do Your Research
Remember to review salons to see the dress lines they carry and price ranges before you start making appointments.
- Choose Your Dress Shopping tribe!
Keeping it small and intimate especially for the first appointment is key!
- Start Wedding Dress Shopping

8 MONTHS TO GO

- Buy Your Dress

5 MONTHS TO GO

- Shop for Your Undergarments
- Choose Your Hair Accessories
Set Up an accessories appointment with your bridal shop to review options with your dress
- Select Your Shoes

4 MONTHS TO GO

- Have Your First Fitting
Don't forget your undergarments and shoes!

6 TO 8 WEEKS TO GO

- Have Your Second Fitting
Bring a friend or family member to learn how to bustle your gown
- Decide on Your "Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue"

2 TO 3 WEEKS TO GO

- Practice Walking in Your Shoes
- Have Your Final Fitting
- Pick Up Your Wedding Dress
- Buy a handheld steamer
- Put together your emergency kit
safety pins, fashion tape, sewing kit
- Make your Wedding Day 'go bag'
veil, jewelry, shoes, emergency kit, dress

WEDDING DAY

- Give your dress the final steam
- Schedule 30 minutes to get dressed
- HAVE A BLAST!

Tips from a Bridal Gown Stylist

1. Don't forget to make your budget with additional alteration costs in mind
 2. Research to make sure you make an appointment at the bridal salon that has your style gowns and price range
 3. Make sure your Dress Shopping tribe is supportive but also honest
 4. Don't be afraid to buy your dress before 8 months!
 5. Shop for your undergarments and shoes and bring them to your dress fitting so you can try on accessories so you can see the full look!
- PRO TIP: Ask your 'getting ready' location if they have a steamer you can use

