

Planning Checklist

12+ months

- Announce your engagement
- Hire a wedding planner
- Work on your budget
- Reserve your ceremony and reception venues
- Decide on the size and theme of your wedding
- Choose your wedding party

11 months

- Prepare your guest list
- Hire a photographer
- Hire a videographer
- Hire the caterer
- Hire your wedding officiant
- Design and order Save the Dates
- Create your registry
- Hold your engagement session
- Create your wedding website

10 months

- Shop for your dress
- Hire ceremony and/or cocktail hour musician
- Hire a DJ or band
- Design and order Save the Dates

9 months

- Mail Save the Dates
- Hire a florist
- Hire a baker
- Hire a stationer, if needed
- Reserve rentals
- Hire HMU professionals

8 months

- Research and reserve hotel accommodations
- Reserve the location for the rehearsal dinner
- Reserve your room for the wedding night

7 months

- Reserve your wedding day transportation
- Have the mothers select their dresses
- Hire a calligrapher, if needed

6 months

- Order the invitations
- Order bridesmaid dresses
- Meet with your Officiant
- Attend pre-wedding counseling, if desired
- Research a wedding insurance policy

5 months

- Menu Tasting
- Order day-of stationery
- Plan your honeymoon
- Renew or get your passports
- Purchase wedding rings

4 months

- Send envelopes to calligrapher
- Pick out accessories
- Reserve formalwear for the men
- Attend your first dress fitting
- Compile a guest list for showers

3 months

- Assemble wedding invitations
- Mail wedding invitations
- Hold a final venue walkthrough
- Give song selections to DJ or Band
- Order guest book, if needed
- Order wedding favors
- Purchase hotel welcome bag items
- Purchase exit items

Planning Checklist

2 months

- Finalize vendor details
- Send family photo list to photographer
- Purchase gifts for family and wedding party
- Purchase bride and groom gifts
- Purchase additional bridal wear
- Confirm attendants attire
- Finalize ceremony details with Officiant

1 month

- Assemble wedding favors
- Attend final dress fitting
- Confirm wedding night accommodations for the bride and groom
- Reach out to RSVP procrastinators
- Complete seating chart
- Research marriage license requirements
- Finalize wedding day timeline
- Finalize ceremony documents

Wedding Month!

- Obtain marriage license
- Choose/write wedding vows
- Write toasts/speeches
- Assign someone to return men's formal wear
- Assign someone to return rentals
- Confirm travel arrangements
- Get appropriate name change documents, if needed
- Send venue, vendor, and wedding party timelines
- Confirm final guest count
- Send ceremony documents to musician(s)
- Put together hotel welcome bags/baskets

Wedding Week

- Deliver hotel welcome bag/baskets
- Get manicure/pedicure
- Pack honeymoon bags
- Pack wedding night bags
- Steam wedding gown
- Finalize rehearsal dinner plans
- Pick up menswear
- Attend rehearsal
- Attend rehearsal dinner
- Place gratuities in sealed envelopes for vendors
- Give parents/attendants their gifts

Post Wedding

- Assigned person returns rentals
- Send out thank you cards
- Arrange for cleaning and preservation of your gown
- Submit name change forms

