

## Wedding Planning CHECKLIST

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However long or short your engagement, you can plan a beautiful wedding! Consider this a general guide as you prepare for your wedding day. Add your own tasks, change the list as you need to, and mark it up with your notes!



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### 9 – 12 Months Before Your Wedding Day

- Celebrate your engagement!
- Insure your engagement ring
- Create a budget
- Build your Wedding Inspiration Board & select a color palette
- Tour & choose your ceremony and reception venues
- Choose a date and reserve your ceremony and reception venues
- Meet with, Select, and book:**
  - Wedding Planner*
  - Photographer*
  - Videographer*
  - Caterer*
  - Officiant*
- Schedule your engagement session with your photographer
- Select your wedding party & ask them
- Start your guest list
- Make bridal boutique appointments & go dress shopping!

### 6 – 9 Months Before Your Wedding Day

- Order your wedding dress and veil
- Work with your photographer to set a ceremony time
- Create your wedding website
- Finalize your guest list and gather addresses
- Design, order, and send out your Save the Dates
- Meet with, Select, and book:**
  - Florist*
  - Rehearsal Dinner Venue*
  - Wedding Night Hotel*
  - Honeymoon*
  - Band or DJ*
  - Wedding Cake Baker*
  - Hair & Makeup Artists*
  - Day-of Transportation*
- Create your wedding registry
- Select and order bridesmaids' gowns
- Select groom & groomsmen attire
- Design and order your Wedding Invitations
- Book a calligrapher
- Research and consider investing in wedding insurance
- Order rental items (chairs, linens, other specialty items)
- Research & consider pre-marital counseling or marriage prep classes

### 3 – 6 Months Before Your Wedding Day

- Meet with, Select, and book:**
  - Ceremony Musicians*
  - Any extra vendors (coffee cart, photobooth, lighting/sounds, etc.)*
- Purchase wedding shoes, jewelry, under-the-dress essentials, and any other accessories
- Schedule your first dress fitting
- Book your bridal portraits with your photographer
- Confirm bridal portrait bouquet with your florist
- Schedule hair & makeup trials
- Finalize your menu
- Address your invitations
- Work with your wedding planner & photographer to build a preliminary wedding-day timeline
- Plan your ideal wedding day morning
- Think through any special traditions you would like to incorporate in your wedding day
- Purchase your wedding bands
- Select your ceremony and reception music, confirm with musicians
- Research your local marriage license requirements
- Make sure your passport is up-to-date if traveling abroad for your honeymoon
- Create your ceremony outline, readings, & confirm details with your officiant

### 0 – 3 Months Before Your Wedding Day

- Order your wedding dress and veil
- Have your bridal portraits taken
- Send out your wedding invitations
- Send out your rehearsal dinner invitations
- Groom & Groomsmen get measured for suits or tuxes
- Schedule manicure & pedicure appointment
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids, parents, and any other special gift purchases
- Purchase a gift for your soon-to-be spouse and write a letter for them to read on the wedding day
- Make a seating chart
- Select & purchase any wedding favors, décor, place cards, or other details
- Write or select your vows
- Create & drop off hotel welcome bags
- Attend final dress fitting & learn how to bustle your dress
- Finalize timeline and shot list with your wedding planner and photographer
- Send timeline to your wedding vendors
- Pick up your dress
- Confirm details with all vendors and finalize all payments
- Get hair cut/colored
- Finalize details for preserving your wedding dress and/or bouquet
- Organize special details for your photographer to photograph
- Put all cash tips in envelopes to be distributed