

WEDDING

Planning Checklist



A SIMPLE, MODERN GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR WEDDING WITH
CLARITY AND EASE

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WELCOME!

You're planning a wedding!

I'm so glad you're here. Planning a wedding is exciting, emotional, and—let's be honest—a lot, especially if this is your first time navigating venues, vendors, timelines, and tiny details you don't even know exist yet.

This guide was created to simplify the process, keep you organized, and help you make confident decisions every step of the way.

Inside this checklist, you'll find a clear month-by-month breakdown of what to do and when to do it. Whether you're planning a full celebration, a small intimate gathering, or something totally your own, this guide is here to take the stress off your plate.

My goal is to help you stay ahead, stay calm, and actually enjoy this season—because it goes by fast, and you deserve to feel supported throughout it all.

If you ever have questions about timelines, engagement sessions, or wedding-day photo coverage, I'm here to help. You deserve a wedding day that feels effortless from start to finish.

Let's dive in and start planning with clarity and confidence.

CHECKLIST

12+ MONTHS OUT

Discuss budget + vision
Draft guest list
Choose date range
Book venue
Book photographer/videographer
Create inspiration board

10-11 MONTHS OUT

Choose wedding party
Secure officiant
Begin attire shopping
Reserve hotel room blocks
Research DJ/band, florist, HMUA, transportation
Create wedding website + registry
Schedule engagement session

8-9 MONTHS OUT

Book DJ/band
Book florist
Book HMUA
Book transportation
Order attire
Send save-the-dates
Start honeymoon planning
Begin décor planning

6-7 MONTHS OUT

Order wedding party attire
Tastings (caterer/cake)
Plan ceremony + reception details
Finalize invitation design
Book rehearsal dinner
Book honeymoon travel

4-5 MONTHS OUT

Send invitations
Hair + makeup trials
Buy wedding bands
Finalize timeline with photo/video
Create family shot list
Start DIY décor
Pay remaining vendor deposits

3 MONTHS OUT

Final dress fitting
Finalize menu + florals
Create day-of timeline
Order signage
Order favors
Final playlist + notes for DJ

2 MONTHS OUT

Mail rehearsal invites
Begin seating chart
Apply for marriage license
Confirm rentals
Final venue walkthrough
Buy accessories
Write vows

1 MONTH OUT

Finalize seating chart
Final headcount
Create detailed shot requests
Prepare packing lists
Print timeline packets
Pick up marriage license

2 WEEKS OUT

Confirm all vendors
Reconfirm transport
Prep final playlists and names
Prepare payments + tips

1 WEEK OUT

Pack emergency kit
Steam attire
Assign helpers for gifts/cards
Double-check ceremony items

DAY BEFORE

Rehearsal + dinner
Set out attire
Charge all devices
Hydrate + rest

WEDDING DAY

Eat breakfast
Hair + makeup
Get dressed
Photos
Ceremony
Reception
Sunset portraits
Soak in every moment

AFTER THE WEDDING

Return rentals
Leave vendor reviews
Send thank-you cards
Order prints + album