

12+ MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
☐ Decide on the date	
☐ Decide the budget	
☐ Look for wedding inspiration. Start Pinning!	
☐ Research and tour venues	
☐ Choose color palette and style	
☐ Hire a wedding planner	
☐ Draft a guest list	
☐ Start researching vendors	
☐ Take engagement pictures	
☐ Have an engagement party	

12-10 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
Book venue	
Book wedding photographer	
Select bridal party and formally ask them	
Book caterer	
Start dress and suit shopping	
Sign up for gift registries	
Start gathering names and addresses for guest list	
Research wedding stationary	
Select florist	
Research how to apply for a marriage license (birth	
certificate, valid ID)	

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9-6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
☐ Book cake designer	
☐ Book DJ/Band	
☐ Book officiant	
☐ Book your hair and MUA	
☐ Order wedding stationary	
☐ Send out save the dates	
☐ Arrange for guest accommodations	
☐ Book wedding rentals (décor, tables/chairs)	
☐ Begin dress and suit fittings	
☐ Select wedding party attire	
☐ Inform wedding party of their attire to order/ purchase (if it is anything custom, they'll need to order it earlier	
☐ Begin preparations for honeymoon **	

** TIP: Are you changing your last name? You will want to plan on how you are going to handle your passport, ID, plane tickets, etc. You don't want to be stuck in the airport because your ID/plane tickets don't match your last name anymore. Some brides choose to wait to change their last name until they get back from their honeymoon and just book everything under their maiden name.

6-4 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
☐ Finalize guest count	
☐ Order wedding rings	
☐ Order hair and jewelry accessories	
☐ Book makeup and hair trials	
☐ Research places for dinner rehearsal	
☐ Devise a reception timeline	
☐ Start planning with MOH/BM bachelorette/bachelor parties.	

2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
 Purchase gifts for parents, attendants, wedding party and each other 	
☐ Check in with venue	
☐ Send out invites	
☐ Choose wedding music	
☐ Select and book location for dinner rehearsal	
☐ Arrange for wedding day transportation	
☐ Start writing vows	

1 MONTH BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
☐ Apply for marriage license	
☐ Have final gown and suit fitting	
Discuss and finalize details with wedding vendors	
☐ Start to break in wedding shoes	
☐ Check in with wedding party to make sure they have their attire ready	
☐ Create seating arrangement	
☐ Complete any DIY projects	
☐ Schedule dinner rehearsal and let wedding party know	
☐ Schedule ceremony rehearsal with venue and let wedding party know	
☐ Celebrate!! Time for the bridal shower and bachelorette/bachelor festivities	

2-1 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR I DO'S	NOTES
☐ Pick up marriage license	
☐ Call any non-RSVP guests	
☐ Send wedding timeline to wedding party	
☐ Pack for honeymoon	
☐ Finalize seating chart	
☐ Confirm final headcount with caterer	
☐ Confirm final headcount with venue	
☐ Attend rehearsal and dinner	
☐ Pack wedding day emergency kit	
 Pack wedding day bag and overnight bag with snacks, accessories, and personal items 	

DAY OF	NOTES
YOU' RE GETTING MARRIED TODAY!!!	
☐ Give parents and wedding party their gifts	
☐ Eat something and stay hydrated	
☐ Give Best Man the rings	
☐ Have officiant and witnesses sign marriage license. Follow instructions closely on how to complete it and submit it.	
AFTER	
☐ Have gown and flowers preserved	
☐ Write thank you cards	
☐ Write reviews on vendors	
☐ Change last name	