

The Wedding Checklist

The time has come, you are finally engaged! And there is so much for you to do and so little time. Well, I tried my best to smooth out the process. Here is a checklist to keep you on the right track!

After the Engagement

- Decide on a budget
- Finalize a wedding date
- Research wedding locations and reception venues
- Gather the guest list
- Create a wedding website
- Announce your wedding!

13+ Months Before the Wedding

- Find and Book the Venue
- Find and Book an officiant
- Find and Book vendors for the wedding
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Caterer
 - Entertainment
 - Florist
 - Bartender
 - Hair + Makeup Artists
- Begin Shopping for a wedding dress
- Pick theme and color for wedding
- Hire a wedding planner

12 Months Before the Wedding

- Choose your wedding party
- Shop for bridesmaid dresses and groomsmen's suits
- Choose a seamstress for dress alterations
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Design or purchase wedding invitations

7-11 Months Before the Wedding

- Plan and Book your Honeymoon
- Make your gift-registry
- Have wedding dress altered
- Have a meeting with the officiant
- Shop for shoes, hair accessories, jewelry
- Book hotel rooms for those traveling from far
- Book rehearsal dinner venue

6 Months Before the Wedding

- Order rentals for reception
 - Chairs
 - Tables
 - Linen
 - Dance Floor
 - Draperies
 - Silverware/Utensils/Glasses
- Send out Save-the Date Cards
- Order the cake
- Order favors
- Purchase the wedding rings
- Review proofs of wedding invitations
- Finalize guest list
- Decide the menu
- Ask wedding party members to plan bachelor/ette parties
- Revisit the wedding budget to stay on track

4-5 Months Before the Wedding

- Meet with the florist to choose bouquets + floral arrangements
- Book wedding night accommodations
- Trial run on hair and makeup artists

2-3 Months Before the Wedding

- Send out wedding invitations
- Finalize menu for caterer
- Order rehearsal dinner invites
- Write + begin to rehearse your vows
- Order menu card stationery
- Order/Purchase gifts for:
 - The bridal party
 - The parents and future in-laws
 - Each other

1 Month Before the Wedding

- Obtain Marriage License
- Finalize the wedding day schedule
- Finalize the guest list again
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Confirm all details and orders with vendors
- Order wedding programs + thank you cards
- Confirm reservation and booking for honeymoon
- Collect the RSVP cards and assure attendance
- Finalize payments to vendors
- Finalize decor and run through with wedding coordinator/planner

1 Month Before the Wedding Cont.

- Finalize # of tables and centerpieces
- Have fun at your bachelor/ette party
- Host and have a bridal shower
- Purchase/create guest book

1 Week Before the Wedding

- Inform caterer of the final guest count
- Try on and break in your wedding shoes
- Waxing/Threading/Tanning/Hair Dying
- All vendors should be paid, place cash tips in labelled envelopes to give to the vendors the day of the wedding
- Confirm drop off times and locations with all vendors
- Have the engagement rings cleaned professionally
- Finalize your vows
- Pack your emergency-must-have kit (eyelash glue, deodorant, hair pins, nail polish, hair brush, wipes, a small sewing kit, etc.)

1 Day Before the Wedding

- Manicure + Pedicure
- Finish packing for the honeymoon
- Stay hydrated!
- Attend the rehearsal + rehearsal dinner
- Steam wedding and bridesmaid dresses

THE BIG DAY

The time has finally come, you have been preparing all year, so...

Relax
Get pampered
Don't forget to eat
Enjoy yourself
and

GO MARRY YOUR BEST
FRIEND!