



# The Ultimate Wedding Planning Checklist

**YOU GOT THE BLING, NOW IT'S TIME TO START PLANN-ING**

Wedding planning can get overwhelming quick. How do you plan for something you've never done? It's intense. No worries though, I got chu. Below is a check list organized by time! Feel free to print this out or use it virtually!

# 12 Months Until Wedding

- Choose a date
- Talk budget
- Decide wedding style
- Make a guest list
- Explore ceremony & reception venue options
- Start assembling a dream team of wedding pros
  - Engagement photo session
  - Choose wedding party
  - Create wedding website
- Begin browsing Save the Date designs
  - Order sample Save the Date
  - Order Save the Dates
- Begin researching wedding dress and veil styles
- Create wedding style mood boards on Pinterest

# 11-10 Months Until Wedding

- Hire vendors
- Reserve ceremony & reception venues
- Purchase wedding dress, veil, undergarments
- Choose bridal party attire & accessories
  - Book officiant
- Mail Save the Dates

# 9-8 Months Until Wedding

- Find hotels at different price points for out-of-town guests
- Browse wedding invitation designs
  - Refine guest list
  - Create gift registry
- Begin planning honeymoon



## 7-6 Months Until Wedding

- ▣ Reserve rentals
  - ▣ Hire ceremony musicians
  - ▣ Book transportation to and from venues
  - ▣ Research wedding day hair and makeup styles
- ▣ Meet with officiant to discuss run down of ceremony
  - ▣ Decide groomsmen attire
- ▣ Personalize & order wedding invitation sample
  - ▣ Purchase wedding bands
  - ▣ Order wedding invitation suite
  - ▣ Order thank you cards
- ▣ Choose cake style & schedule tastings



# 5-4 Months Until Wedding

- ▣ Order wedding cake
  - ▣ Meet with florist
  - ▣ Schedule dress fittings
- ▣ Book honeymoon flights & hotels
  - ▣ Book room for wedding night
  - ▣ Prepare a playlist for DJ/band
  - ▣ Finalize guest list
- ▣ Compile rehearsal dinner guest list
  - ▣ Book rehearsal dinner venue
- ▣ Order rehearsal dinner invitations

# 3 Months Until Wedding

- Hair and makeup trial
- Book a photo booth rental
- Finalize readers and readings
- Finalize honeymoon plans and ensure all documents are in order
  - Plan reception seating
- Purchase toasting flutes, serving pieces, guestbook, flower basket and ring bearer pillow
- Finalize reception menu with caterer
  - Order menu cards

# 2 Months Until Wedding

- ▣ Mail wedding invitations
  - ▣ Begin writing vows
- ▣ Review ceremony details with officiant
  - ▣ Finalize seating arrangements
    - ▣ Buy wedding-party gifts
    - ▣ Apply for marriage license
    - ▣ Purchase gifts for guests
- ▣ Lay out the content for wedding programs
- ▣ Finalize fittings for wedding party and parents
  - ▣ Create wedding day timelines and send to vendors, officiant and wedding party
- ▣ Decide on “something old, something new, something borrowed & something blue”
- ▣ Book spa and beauty treatments for you and bridal party



# 1 Month Until Wedding

- ▣ Final dress fitting
- ▣ Pick up marriage license
- ▣ Call vendors to confirm date, time & location
- ▣ Confirm honeymoon reservations
- ▣ Pick up wedding rings
- ▣ Order wedding programs
- ▣ Write thank you notes as gifts are received

# 2 Weeks Until Wedding

- Begin breaking in wedding shoes
- Make arrangements for the caring of pets & plants while on honeymoon
- Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd
  - Give final guest count to caterer
- Send playlists to DJ/band/ceremony musicians
  - Get haircut & freshen up color
  - Update registries
- Send directions to wedding day transportation driver
  - Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals & tend to wedding dress

# 1 Week Until Wedding

- ▣ Prepare wedding day emergency kit
- ▣ Give photographer & videographer your image & video requests
  - ▣ Give readers their scripts
- ▣ Prepare final payments to vendors & cash tips for service personnel
  - ▣ Lay out wedding clothes & gather all accessories

# 1 Day Until Wedding

- ▣ Treat yourself to a mani/pedi & massage
  - ▣ Attend wedding rehearsal
  - ▣ Have fun at rehearsal dinner
  - ▣ Thank everyone around you
  - ▣ Get to bed at a decent hour

# Wedding Day

- ▣ Eat a good breakfast
- ▣ Stay off feet as much as possible
- ▣ Allow plenty of time to get ready
  - ▣ Drink water
- ▣ Take dress & veil out of the bag and have steamed if needed

# Beyond The Wedding

- ▣ Ensure tuxes & all rentals have been returned
  - ▣ Get wedding dress to cleaners.
- ▣ Send out thank you cards no later than 3 weeks after wedding day





**HOLY MOLY, YOU MADE IT!**

**I know this seems like a lot of information but if you stick  
to a timeline and check this list frequently,  
your day will be super smooth!**

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