

Wedding Planning Checklist & Timeline

To help get you started on the wedding of your dreams, I've created the ultimate check list to help guide you through the planning process that way you're able to enjoy each step, stress less, have fun and more importantly revel in this special time together!

12 Months

- ★ 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 Dates
- ★ Order sample Save the Dates
- ★ Choose wedding party
- ★ Begin researching wedding dresses and veil styles
- ★ Create wedding style mood boards on Pinterest

11-10 Months

- ★ 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

- ★ 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

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

5-4 Months

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

3 Months

- ★ 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

- ★ 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

- ★ 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

- ★ 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

- ★ 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

Day Before

- ★ Treat yourself to a mani/pedi & massage
- ★ Attend wedding rehearsal
- ★ HAVE FUN!!
- ★ Get to bed early

Wedding day.

- ★ Eat some breakfast
- ★ Stay off your feet as much as possible
- ★ Allow plenty of time to get ready
- ★ Drink water! GET HYDRATED!
- ★ Take dress & veil out of the bag & steam if needed
- ★ Lay out all items you want to be captured by photographer
- ★ Give officiant fee & wedding rings to best man
- ★ Exchange notes with fiancé
- ★ Relax, smile & soak up every moment of the big day!

After 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
- ★ Talk to your photographer about ordering print and/or albums

Woooo! That was a lot but don't be afraid to ask for help! Delegate different task to family & friends that want to help. YOU GOT THIS!

Have less than 12 month to plan?

As for the couples who have a shorter engagement time, pulling off your dream wedding is still possible and can be done in a stress-free matter as well! If you have 6 months to plan before your wedding then condense this list and try to get everything done at the 12 month mark done your first month and you should pretty much be on schedule for everything else.