

# WEDDING TIMELINE PLANNER



## 12-18 Months Before the Wedding

- Set a budget for the wedding
- Determine the size and style of wedding you want
- Begin creating styling mood boards for your stylist or yourself  
can easily be created in Pinterest, see 'Create Styling Mood Boards' in the Checklist
- Choose your wedding date
- Select your wedding party  
if you are having one
- Research and book your ceremony and reception venues
- Hire a wedding planner  
if desired
- Begin compiling a guest list
- Research and book vendors  
see 'To Book / Organise' in the Checklist and 'Recommended Vendors' in the Wedding Guide.
- Start shopping for wedding attire and accessories

## 8-12 Months Before the Wedding

- Finalise guest list
- Book an engagement photo session
- Send save-the-date cards - or create a Facebook event  
your save-the-date cards or Facebook event can feature one of your engagement photos
- Plan the wedding ceremony, including any readings or special traditions
- Book accommodations for out-of-town guests and/or send guests accommodation recommendations
- Book transportation for the wedding party and guests (if needed)
- Start planning your honeymoon
- Register for wedding gifts or organise a wishing well box
- Hire any additional vendors  
as a wedding day-of coordinator or a calligrapher for invitations
- Choose and purchase wedding rings

## 4-8 Months Before the Wedding

- Choose and order wedding party attire
- Select, order and send out wedding invitations
- Choose and order a wedding cake and other desserts
- Plan and book the rehearsal dinner
- Plan the wedding day timeline
- Book a meeting with your celebrant to go over the ceremony details
- Arrange for any necessary rental equipment, such as tables, chairs, linens, etc.
- Choreograph and practice the first dance  
practice makes perfect, so it's good to start early. If you want a more relaxed first dance - prepare a month before or make it up on the spot. Have fun with it!

## 2-4 Months Before the Wedding

- Book wedding attire fittings for you, your partner and wedding party
- Choose wedding music  
including special dances, entrances and reception music
- Finalise menu with the caterer
- Book wedding bands
- Confirm guest count with caterer and venue
- Pick and buy place cards, menus, seating chart, signage, and table No
- Purchase gifts for the wedding party and parents
- Obtain marriage license  
if registering your marriage before the wedding. You do this so a friend can unofficially officiate your ceremony on the day
- Make and share wedding day timeline with vendors, party, and family

## 1 Month Before the Wedding

- Finalise all details with vendors
- Confirm guest count with caterer and venue
- Finalise seating chart
- Purchase any last-minute items like favours or gifts.
- Attend final wedding attire fittings
- Write vows  
have someone review your vows for similar length and emotional style
- Return my questionnaire with all info on timeline and group shots

## 1-2 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Confirm any uncertain final details with all vendors
- Pack for honeymoon
- Pick up wedding attire
- Arrange for any final payments to vendors (my final payment is now due)
- Have a final meeting with your wedding planner (if applicable)
- Provide vendors and guests with an alternate number for the wedding day  
it could be the number of your wedding planner or a knowledgeable friend/family member

## The Day Before the Wedding

- Relax and enjoy time with family and friends
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Get a good night's sleep!

## On Your Wedding Day

- Get ready with your partner and/or wedding party
- Feel free to ask your friends and family for help on your big day  
whether you need drinks, snacks, or anything else, your friend and family want you to have an unforgettable time. So go ahead and reach out to them, and let them know what you need.
- Take a deep breath and enjoy each and every moment!