



# Your next *steps* as the newly engaged!

As an added benefit, I am happy to provide you with a free wedding checklist to start your journey to the wedding of your dreams.

This guide will ease you into your planning process and will help you determine when to book the appropriate vendors. I understand how overwhelming planning a wedding may be, so please feel free to utilize this checklist for a stress-free start!

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*The checklist*  
12 + MONTHS

- Announce your engagement!**  
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- Choose a date (or 3 for option).**  
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- Figure out budget and decide who's contributing what.**  
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- Figure out your wedding style.**  
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- Choose your wedding party.**  
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- Créate a wedding website.**  
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- Get engagement ring insured and consider purchasing wedding insurance.**  
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- Create guest list.**  
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- Explore venue/reception options.**  
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- Start assembling a team of wedding pros; planner, photographer, videographer, caterer, florist.**  
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- Browse wedding dresses and veils.**  
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- Book photographer at this time and have engagement photos taken.**  
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- Start browsing save the date designs.**  
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- See your favorite designs in person. (Order custom samples)**  
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- Place full order of Save the Dates!**  
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*The checklist*  
10-11 MONTHS

- Choose bridal party attire and accessories.**  
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- Reserve ceremony and reception venues.**  
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- Book officiant.**  
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- Hire photographer (if you haven't already), videographer, caterer, DJ/band, florist, and planner.**  
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- Finalize guest address list.**  
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- Mail your Save the Dates.**  
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- Purchase wedding dress, veil and undergarments.**  
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- Establish a healthy skin/wellness routine!**  
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- Research honeymoon destinations.**  
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*The checklist*  
8 - 9 MONTHS

- Find hotels at 3 different price points for out-of-town guests.**  
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- Browse wedding invitation designs and stationary (thank you cards, programs, menu cards, favors).**  
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- Update guest address list as needed.**  
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- Create gift registries at 2-3 national and/or online retailers.**  
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- Begin planning honeymoon.**  
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*The checklist*  
6-7 MONTHS

- Explore wedding day hair and makeup styles.**

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- Meet with officiant to discuss plans for ceremony.**

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- Reserve rentals: linens, chairs, lighting, decor, etc.**

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- Choose dessert style and schedule tastings.**

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- Decide on groomsmen attire.**

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- Order wedding invitations.**

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- Hire ceremony musicians.**

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- Book transportation to and from venues.**

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- Purchase wedding bands.**

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- Decide on a date for the Bachelor and Bachelorette parties.**

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- Order thank you cards for bridal shower and for gifts that arrive early from your registry.**

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*the checklist*  
4-5 MONTHS

- Place your wedding invites order!**

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- Choose flowers for: wedding party, attendants, venue, cake, etc.**

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- Schedule dress fittings.**

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- Book honeymoon flights and hotels.**

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- Book room for wedding night.**

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- Plan welcome baskets for out-of-town guests.**

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- Prepare playlist for DJ/band.**

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- Finalize wedding guest list.**

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- Assemble rehearsal dinner guest list.**

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- Book rehearsal dinner venue.**

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- Order rehearsal dinner invitations.**

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*The checklist*  
3 MONTHS

- Finalize honeymoon plans and ensure all documents are in order.**

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- Plan ceremony and reception seating.**

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- Bridal trial with hair-stylist and makeup artist.**

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- Finalize readers, readings, and music for the ceremony.**

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- Purchase tableware, guestbook, flower basket and ring bearer pillow.**

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- Finalize reception menu.**

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- Order menu cards and wedding favors.**

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- Mail wedding invitations.**

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*The checklist*  
2 MONTHS

- Develop system for organizing RSVPs.**

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- Begin writing vows.**

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- Review ceremony details with officiant.**

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- Apply for marriage license.**

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- Finalize seating arrangements.**

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- Finalize playlist with musicians or DJ.**

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- Create wedding day timeline and send to your vendors, officiant, and wedding party.**

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- Write out honeymoon itinerary for family at home.**

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- Decide on “Something Old, Borrowed, and Blue”.**

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- Book wedding day transportation.**

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*The checklist*  
1 MONTH

- Call vendors to confirm date, times and location.**  
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- Confirm honeymoon reservations.**  
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- Confirm final plans with wedding officiant.**  
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- Attend Bachelor/Bachelorette party.**  
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- Final dress fitting with shoes & undergarments.**  
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- Write thank you notes as gifts are received from registry.**  
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- Look for pet sitter/room and board options to cover wedding and honeymoon.**  
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*The checklist*  
**2 WEEKS**

- Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd.**

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- Give final count to caterer.**

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- Update registries.**

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- Begin breaking in wedding shoes.**

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- Send playlists to DJ/band/ceremony musicians.**

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- Get final haircut/color.**

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- Delegate wedding day duties: gift table, guestbook, etc.**

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- Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals, and tend to wedding dress.**

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- Send directions to wedding day transportation driver.**

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*The checklist*  
**1 WEEK**

- Prepare final payments to vendors and cash tips for service personnel.**

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- Give readers their scripts.**

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- Give photographer and videographer your image and video requests if applicable.**

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- Lay out wedding clothes.**

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- Prepare wedding day emergency kit.**

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- Get spa treatments for you and the bridal party.**

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- Pack for honeymoon.**

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*the checklist*  
THE DAY BEFORE

- Get mani/pedi/massage.**

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- Attend wedding rehearsal.**

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- Have fun at rehearsal dinner!**

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- Get to bed at a decent time! You're almost there!!**

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*The checklist*  
WEDDING DAY!

- Eat a good breakfast.**  
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- Allow yourself plenty of time to get ready.**  
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- Give wedding rings and officiant fee to best man once detail photos are taken by photographer.**  
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- Relax, smile, and soak in every incredible moment!**  
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*the checklist*  
POST WEDDING

- Ensure tuxes and rentals are returned.**  
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- Get wedding dress to the cleaners.**  
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- Order and send 'Thank You' cards.**  
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- Inquire about albums/printing with your photographer to have a keepsake of wedding photos!**  
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