



WEDDING PLANNING

timeline

Planning a wedding is exciting, but let's be real—it can also feel like a lot. This timeline takes the stress out of the process, breaking everything down step by step so you know exactly what to do and when. No more last-minute scrambling or wondering if you're forgetting something.

From booking your dream vendors to those final little details, this guide keeps you on track so you can soak in every joyful, chaotic, love-filled moment and focus on what truly matters—celebrating the start of your greatest adventure together.



12+ Months before “I do”

- ☐ Set your budget: Decide on your overall spending limit and allocate funds for each aspect.
- ☐ Create your guest list: Draft an initial list to estimate venue size and catering needs.
- ☐ Choose your wedding date: Consider season, availability, and significance of the date.
- ☐ Book your venue: Secure a ceremony and reception location.
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner (if using one): They can help streamline the process.
- ☐ Select your bridal party: Ask your maid of honor, best man, bridesmaids, and groomsmen.
- ☐ Start researching vendors: Look for photographers, videographers, florists, caterers, and entertainment.
- ☐ Choose a wedding theme or style: Classic, modern, boho, rustic—this will guide your decor.
- ☐ Shop for wedding attire: Begin looking for your wedding dress and suits.





9-12 MONTHS BEFORE “I DO”



Book major vendors:
Photographer,
videographer, florist,
caterer, and
entertainment.



Set up your wedding
website: Include key
details, registry links, and
engagement photos.



Send save-the-dates:
Especially important for
destination weddings.



Plan your engagement
session: Choose a location
and schedule with your
photographer.



Research honeymoon
options: Book
accommodations and
plan any necessary travel
documents.



Start dress shopping for
bridesmaids and
groomsmen.



Order your wedding
dress: Allow time for
fittings and alterations.





6-9 MONTHS BEFORE “I DO”

- ☐ Finalize catering: Attend tastings and confirm your menu.
- ☐ Hire hair and makeup artists: Book trials to find the right look.
- ☐ Order wedding invitations: Give yourself time for design, printing, and addressing.
- ☐ Arrange transportation: Book travel for the wedding day and guests if necessary.
- ☐ Register for gifts: Create a registry at multiple stores or online platforms.
- ☐ Book your officiant: Ensure they are available for your date.





4-6 MONTHS BEFORE “I DO”

- ☐ Plan your ceremony: Decide on readings, music, and special elements.
- ☐ Finalize floral arrangements: Choose bouquets, centerpieces, and ceremony decor.
- ☐ Plan bachelor and bachelorette parties: Let your bridal party know your preferences.
- ☐ Purchase wedding bands: Allow time for resizing or custom orders.
- ☐ Arrange accommodations: Reserve hotel blocks for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings: Ensure alterations are on track.





2-3 Months before “I do”

- ☐ Mail invitations:
Include RSVP details.
- ☐ Write vows:
Personalize your promises.
- ☐ Confirm wedding details with vendors:
Review contracts and finalize logistics.
- ☐ Have a hair and makeup trial: Test your wedding-day look.
- ☐ Create a wedding timeline: Plan out the ceremony, reception, and key moments.
- ☐ Purchase wedding favors and gifts: Thank your bridal party and parents.
- ☐ Obtain your marriage license: Research state-specific requirements.





1 MONTH BEFORE “I DO”

☐ Confirm guest count:
Share final numbers with
the caterer and venue.

☐ Break in your shoes:
Avoid discomfort on the
big day.



☐ Have your final dress
fitting: Ensure all
adjustments are perfect.

☐ Assign day-of tasks:
Give responsibilities to
trusted friends or a
coordinator.

☐ Prepare your
emergency kit:
Include safety pins,
tissues, makeup,
and other
essentials.



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- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon: Ensure passports and travel documents are ready.
- ☐ Confirm details: Check in with all vendors.
- ☐ Get a manicure and pedicure: Treat yourself to pre-wedding pampering.
- ☐ Rehearse the ceremony: Hold a rehearsal dinner with the bridal party.
- ☐ Relax and enjoy: Get plenty of rest before your big day!



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