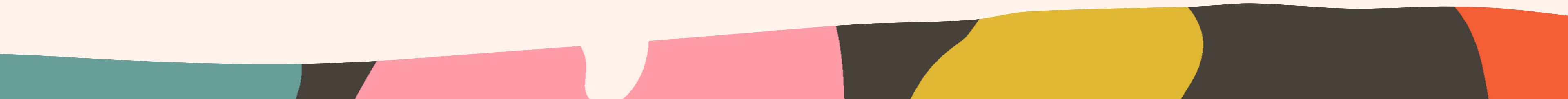


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STRESS-FREE WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST



GET PLANNING

The question has been asked, the champagne has been popped and the happy tears have been wiped away... now it's time to start planning!

Organizing a wedding can quickly become overwhelming-who knew there were so many details involved?! But the good news is planning the big day doesn't actually have to be so stressful if you divide the tasks on a month by month basis with a wedding-planning checklist and timeline!

I've created the ultimate checklist to help guide you through the planning process and devise the wedding of your dreams! By using this checklist, you're able to enjoy each step, stress less, have fun and more importantly revel in this special time together!

This checklist has been reviewed and approved a wedding planner, so you know it's legit!



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

12 MONTHS





10 – 11 MONTHS

- ☐ Create a wedding website
- ☐ Hire vendors
- ☐ Purchase wedding dress, veil, undergarments
- ☐ Choose bridal party attire and accessories
- ☐ Book officiant
- ☐ Finalize guest list
- ☐ Order Save the Dates
- ☐ Mail Save the Dates

8 – 9 MONTHS

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



6 – 7 MONTHS

- ☐ Create reception floor plan
- ☐ Reserve rentals
- ☐ Hire ceremony musicians
- ☐ Book transportation to and from venues
- ☐ Research wedding day hair and makeup styles
- ☐ Meet with officiant to discuss the ceremony
- ☐ Decide on groomsmen attire
- ☐ Choose cake style and schedule tastings
- ☐ Purchase wedding bands
- ☐ Personalize and order wedding invitation sample
- ☐ Order invitation suite
- ☐ Order thank you cards

4 – 5 MONTHS

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



- ☐ Mail wedding invitations
- ☐ Hair and makeup trial
- ☐ Take bridal portraits
- ☐ Book a photo booth rental
- ☐ Finalize readers and readings
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans
- ☐ Ensure all honeymoon documents are in order
- ☐ Purchase toasting flutes, service pieces, etc.
- ☐ Purchase guestbook
- ☐ Purchase flower basket, ring pillow
- ☐ Finalize reception menu with caterer
- ☐ Order menu cards

3 MONTHS





2 MONTHS

- ☐ Begin writing vows
- ☐ Review ceremony details with officiant
- ☐ Lay out the content for wedding programs
- ☐ Buy wedding party gifts
- ☐ Purchase gifts for quests
- ☐ Order wedding programs
- ☐ Send rehearsal dinner invitations
- ☐ 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

- ☐ Finalize seating arrangements
- ☐ Final dress fitting
- ☐ Pick up marriage license
- ☐ Call vendors to confirm time and location
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations
- ☐ Write thank you notes as gifts are received
- ☐ Make arrangements for the caring of pets and plants while on honeymoon
- ☐ Apply for marriage license

2 WEEKS

- ☐ Finalize playlist for DJ or band and send
- ☐ Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd
- ☐ Pick up wedding rings
- ☐ Begin breaking in wedding shoes
- ☐ Give final guest count to caterer

1 WEEK

- ☐ Prepare wedding day emergency kit
- ☐ Make sure photographer has your family photos list and any special shots
- ☐ Give readers their scripts
- ☐ Prepare final payments to vendors and cash tips for service personnel
- ☐ Lay out wedding clothes and gather all accessories



- ☐ Treat yourself to a mani + pedi
- ☐ Treat yourself to a massage
- ☐ Put all items you want to be captured by photographer together in a box or bag
- ☐ Attend wedding rehearsal
- ☐ Have fun at rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Thank everyone around you
- ☐ Be aware of your alcohol consumption
- ☐ Get to bed at a decent hour

DAY BEFORE





WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Eat a good breakfast
- ☐ Stay off feet as much as possible
- ☐ Allow plenty of time to get ready
- ☐ Drink water (avoid too much alcohol)
- ☐ Take dress and veil out of the bag and steam
- ☐ Give marriage license, officiant fee and wedding bands to a trusted wedding party member
- ☐ Exchange notes with fiancé
- ☐ Relax and soak up every moment of the big day!

BEYOND THE WEDDING

- ☐ Ensure tuxes and all rentals have been returned
- ☐ Get wedding dress to cleaners
- ☐ Send thank you cards no later than 3 weeks after
- ☐ Write a review for all of your awesome vendors!
- ☐ Mail marriage license to the county

HAPPY PLANNING

This may seem like an overwhelming list of things to check off before your wedding day but if you stick to the timeline your day should go off without a hitch!

This is a comprehensive list, and not everything will apply to your or your wedding. A piece of advice I always give my couples is to remember that if something doesn't get done, no one will know!

Remember that I'm always here to serve as a resource throughout the entire wedding planning process!

Happy planning,

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