

Wedding Timeline/Checklist



12 Months to go

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- Announce engagement _____
- Arrange for your families to meet, if they haven't already _____
- Set a budget and determine who will be paying for what _____
- Decide what type of wedding you want: style, size, location, time of day, etc. _____
- Draft preliminary guest lists: Bride's, Groom's, Bride's family, Groom's family _____
- Register for engagement gifts _____
- Gather ideas for your ceremony and reception _____
- Order thank-you notes for engagement gifts _____
- Subscribe to wedding magazines _____

11 Months to go

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- Interview wedding planners and hire one, if desired _____
- Plan engagement party _____
- Begin dress research _____
- Set a wedding date _____
- Start your ceremony and reception location search _____
- Create a wedding Web site _____

10 Months to go

- Determine your wedding's color palette and theme _____
- Reserve a ceremony and reception site _____
- Research marriage license and residency requirements if you're getting married abroad _____
- Select the members of your bridal party _____
- Reserve a block of rooms for out of town guests _____

9 Months to go

- Make bridal salon appointments to try on wedding gowns _____
- If wearing an heirloom gown, clean and schedule alterations _____
- Gather vendor referrals from friends and relatives _____
- Interview officiants _____
- Order and mail save-the-date cards _____
- Start meeting with vendors – photographers, caterers, bakers, videographers, florists, bands and DJs _____

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8 Months to go

- Start a fitness/workout regime _____
- Contact lighting and tent rental companies for at-home weddings _____
- Delegate agreed responsibilities to your groom _____

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7 Months to go

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- Finalize wedding theme and palette _____
- Research wedding customs and traditions _____
- If you're getting married at-home, talk to your gardener about landscaping _____

6 Months to go.....

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- Book baker and decide on cake flavor, design and style _____
- Discuss groom's cake ideas, if having _____
- Book caterer _____
- Book florist and determine overall style for personal flowers and ceremony and reception décor _____
- Book ceremony musicians and reception band or DJ _____
- Book photographer and videographer _____
- Finalize guest list and mailing addresses _____
- Research invitation designs _____
- Select an officiant and discuss ceremony service _____
- Order your wedding dress and accessories _____
- Book day of transportation for the bride, groom and bridal party _____
- Reserve a hotel room for your wedding night _____
- If necessary, update passports _____

5 Months to go

- Select bridesmaids' attire and confirm that each bridesmaid has ordered her dress _____
- Select attire for your flower girl(s) and ring bearer(s) _____
- Provide bridal shower guest list to maid-of-honor _____
- Update registry lists for bridal shower _____
- Research honeymoon destinations _____
- Finalize invitation design and order wedding invitations, and don't forget to order extra outer-envelopes _____
- Check invitation proof _____
- Test drive directions before printing direction cards _____
- Reserve rental items _____

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4 Months to go

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- Book honeymoon _____
- Provide guest address list to calligrapher _____
- Meet with hair and makeup stylists to discuss ideas _____
- Create song play and do not playlists _____
- Select first dance and other special dance songs _____
- Schedule dance lessons, if desired _____
- Order wedding rings _____
- Reserve tuxedos for groom, dads and groomsmen _____
- Draft wedding program information _____
- Schedule your wedding rehearsal with officiant and bridal party _____

3 Months to go

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- Attend first dress fitting _____
- Plan rehearsal dinner: book space and order invitations _____
- Order or make wedding favors _____
- Purchase guest book/vessel for guest notes _____
- Research signature drink options _____
- Attend pre-marriage counseling or classes, if required _____
- Request time off from work for your honeymoon _____
- Finalize flower arrangements for ceremony, reception and personal flowers _____
- Order wedding programs _____

2 Months to go

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- Mail wedding invitations _____
- Keep a record of RSVP cards you receive _____
- Schedule a makeup and hair trial _____
- Select gifts for attendants and parents _____
- Attend bridal shower _____
- Write and mail shower thank-you notes _____
- Start drafting your wedding vows, if writing your own _____
- Schedule a tasting with your caterer and confirm reception menu _____
- Send wedding announcement to local newspaper, if desired _____

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1 Months to go

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- Draft seating chart
- Confirm that each bridesmaid has received her dress
- Review ceremony details with your officiant
- Distribute copies of selected readings and songs to ceremony participants
- Apply for a marriage license
- Send photo shot list to photographer and do/do not play list to band/DJ
- Attend bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Write your wedding speech/toast
- Prepare bride and groom emergency kits
- Assemble guest room gifts for out-of-town guests
- Start breaking in your wedding day shoes
- Attend a hair and makeup trial and remember to take pictures of yourself
- Schedule a haircut appointment for the groom for the week or two before the wedding
- Find something old, new, borrowed and blue
- Attend final dress fitting
- Pick up your wedding rings
- Send seating and place cards to calligrapher, or begin to write/print them yourself

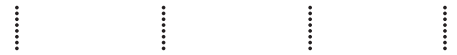
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1 Week to go

- Pick-up wedding dress from bridal salon
- Have groom and groomsmen pick-up their tuxedos
- Give the caterer your final head count
- Send reception location manager final seating chart and drop off seating cards
- Distribute wedding day timeline and contact list to vendors and bridal party
- Give ceremony and reception location managers a vendor contact sheet
- Confirm wedding day beauty appointments
- Confirm wedding day details with all vendors
- Pack for honeymoon
- Deliver guest room gifts to hotel
- Assign day-of responsibilities to attendants
- Arrange for someone to send your wedding dress to a preservationist and return your groom's tuxedo to the rental store

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Day Before

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- Organize tipping envelopes _____
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner _____
- Drop off ceremony accessories at ceremony site – programs, yarmulkes, unity candle, etc. _____
- Give attendants and parents thank you gifts _____
- Get a manicure and pedicure _____

Day of – see separate timeline

After the Wedding

- Mail thank you cards to guests within 8 weeks of returning from your honeymoon _____
- Send thank you notes to your vendors _____
- Send change-of-address form to post office, if necessary _____
- Change your last name on necessary forms _____

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