

Wedding Planning To Do List and Timeline



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Dear Beautiful Bride-to-be:

Congratulations on your engagement and upcoming marriage! It's a very exciting time for you!

You're welcome to use this Wedding Checklist as a general guide as you prepare your personal Wedding Planning Timeline. It's entirely flexible and can be added to as you think of things to do - depending on the size, formality, and location of your wedding.

>> As detailed as our checklist is, this one is even **MORE detailed**. Click on the following link for a [Wedding Planning Guide](#) that comes with a detailed Wedding Planning Timeline, budget checklists, photographer checklists, wedding etiquette, KEY questions to ask wedding vendors, wedding planning tables and charts, money saving tips, order of events, bridal party duties, and more.<<

From Eighteen Months to Twelve Months or Nine Months Before Your Dream Wedding

- Select your wedding date and time (and have alternative dates in mind, too)
 - Have your engagement photo taken
 - Prepare and publish your wedding engagement announcement in the local newspaper
 - Select a date for your wedding engagement party or dinner
 - Create a wedding budget depending on size and formality (this [Wedding Budget Planning Guide](#) will show you how to save money and comes with **FREE Time-Saving Wedding Planning Software**.) Consult both families.
 - View, select, and reserve wedding reception venue and venue (or church) for wedding ceremony - **book well in advance to avoid disappointment**
 - Select wedding theme and colors - advise wedding planners and mother of bride and mother of groom (Click on the following link for information about [Beach Wedding Themes](#))
 - Create a wedding party list (choose MOH, Bridesmaids. Groom to choose best man, groomsmen, and ushers.)
 - Create a preliminary wedding guest list of family and friends
 - Create a preliminary wedding provider | vendor list. Include contact details including addresses, phone numbers, and emergency numbers
 - Choose - and book - wedding vendors: Caterer, baker, florist, photographer or videographer, musicians or DJ, wedding consultant (if desired), wedding officiant, minister, rabbi, or pastor
 - Decide whether you'll have menu choices and offer an alternative menu for those with dietary restrictions or allergies. Consult with caterer.
 - Create a folder with all vendor contracts and contact details - including emergency contact details
 - Select wedding music in consultation with musicians or DJ (wedding reception) and wedding officiant or church organist (wedding ceremony)
 - Choose and order (or place deposit for) floral arrangements (wedding ceremony and reception)
 - Begin looking at bridal gowns and wedding accessories
 - Reserve rental equipment (chairs, tables, tents, etc.)
 - Plan your honeymoon and check for visa, passport, inoculation requirements for your destination
- > Consult with travel agents, collect brochures, enquire about safety of travel locations
> Consider resorts, cruises, adventure packages, honeymoon packages, weekend getaway and hotel packages
> Give yourself plenty of time for passport and visa application processing

- Choose a sensible weight loss program to look **STUNNING** and unforgettable at your wedding and **SEXY** and **RAVISHING** on your honeymoon! (Consult with your doctor before starting any exercise or weight loss program.)
- Create your online wedding site. [Click this link](#) to get a 2-week free trial including 20+ customizable designs, personal website address, share your gift registry, upload and share unlimited photos, planning tools, and more!
- Start a [Wedding Keepsake Album](#) (look under Photo and Memory Albums in the “For The Bridal Shower” Section after you click the Wedding Keepsake Album link above) to preserve your memories of your dream wedding. It will be a wonderful memory down the road and an amazing gift to pass on to your children in later years.

Nine to Six Months Before Your Dream Wedding

- Choose and order your bridal gown, headpiece or veil, [accessories](#) (lingerie, hosiery, garter, shoes, jewelry) (first fitting). Buy high quality lingerie so seams don't show. You want a perfect (and smooth) look in your gown.
- Choose bridesmaids dresses and accessories - decide when to confirm order
- Assist your mother in choosing a dress for the wedding
- Choose attire for flower girl and ring bearer
- Choose wedding rings and arrange for engraving if required
- > Put them in a safe place and, if necessary, insure them from loss and/or theft after consulting with insurance agent
- Arrange for the groom, best man, groomsmen, and fathers to be fitted and choose accessories
- Prepare your wedding guest list after talking with both families
- > Divide your wedding guest list into those who will be attending the ceremony only and those who will be attending both the ceremony and the reception (helps for head count for catering at reception)
- Send out [Save-the-Date reminder cards](#)
- Register at bridal gift registry

Six to Four Months Before Your Dream Wedding

- Finalize wedding guest list
- Order [wedding invitations](#) including envelopes (and any pre-event invitations such as brunches, dinners)
- > Choose appropriate wording, font, color, etc. for invitations
- > Note menu choices | dietary restrictions on invitations
- > Order stationery, thank you notes, etc.
- > Finalize order after approving “proofs” of invitations
- Arrange and reserve wedding rehearsal venue
- Make arrangements for limousine service (for bride, bridal party, family) - arrange transportation to wedding ceremony and to wedding reception after ceremony
- Book wedding night accommodation
- Finalize your honeymoon travel and accommodation plans. Buy luggage if required.
- Determine marriage license requirements

Four to Two Months Before Your Dream Wedding

- Arrange alterations to your wedding gown (second fitting). Keep wedding diet program in mind.
- Confirm wedding details with all service providers/vendors
- Consult with marriage officiant regarding customs or pre-marital courses required for your particular religion
- Consult with caterer and baker and select/order menu, beverages, and wedding cake
- Address your wedding invitations
- Arrange accommodation for out-of-town bridal party members, if required
- Determine and complete the blood test requirements for your state or province
- Arrange for any required inoculations/vaccinations for honeymoon destination
- Obtain or renew passport and required visas for honeymoon destination
- Apply for and obtain marriage license
- Finalize wedding reception music play list in consultation with DJ or musicians
- Make final selections for food and beverages and confirm with caterer
- Provide church organist with final selection of wedding ceremony music
- Finalize floral order with florist

Eight to Six Weeks Before Your Dream Wedding

- Mail wedding invitations
- Buy [wedding favors and wedding ceremony items](#)
 - > Guest book, pen, pen holder
 - > Toasting flutes and goblets
 - > Ring bearer's pillow
 - > Unity candles and stands, coins, wedding rosaries, sand
 - > Purchase [Disposable Wedding Cameras](#) for wedding guests to capture memorable moments ([a must buy!](#))
- Confirm reservations for all events and equipment
- Arrange to pick up your wedding gown (final fitting)
- Buy or choose honeymoon attire (lingerie, casual clothing, swimsuit, comfortable shoes, flip flops)
- Discuss [bridal hairstyles](#) with hairstylist and arrange hair salon appointments
- Discuss [bridesmaids hairstyles](#) with bridesmaids and hairstylist and arrange hair salon appointments
- Arrange wedding rehearsal
- > Establish budget

- > Prepare guest list
 - > Order [rehearsal invitations](#)
 - > Reserve rehearsal location/venue
 - > Reserve caterer (or confirm with wedding reception caterer)
 - > Mail rehearsal invitations
 - > Hire photographer (or videographer) if desired
- Write your [personalized wedding vows](#) to make your union meaningful as you gaze into your handsome groom's eyes in front of the wedding guests
 - Review wedding reception agenda with Best Man and [Wedding MC](#)
 - Meet with wedding officiant to review wedding ceremony details and finalize wedding ceremony music
 - Finalize and create the program for the wedding ceremony
 - Arrange bridal session with photographer to test hair and makeup
 - Review and update your gift registry, if required
 - Arrange for hair to be cut, trimmed, or colored. Groom to also arrange haircut.

Six to Three Weeks Before Your Dream Wedding

- Record wedding invitation responses. Call those guest who have not responded.
- Write thank you notes for wedding and wedding shower gifts
- Send out rehearsal dinner invitations
- Prepare your [wedding speech and wedding toasts](#) ([Click here for your FREE Bride's Wedding Speech Guide](#))
- Purchase and wrap [wedding gifts for bridesmaids, maid of honor, flower girl, ring bearer](#)
- > Purchase gifts for mother and father of the bride and mother and father of the groom
- > Purchase gifts ([welcome gift baskets](#) or toiletries baskets depending upon budget) for out-of-town guests
- Purchase [wedding gifts for attendants](#)
- Arrange day care for wedding day
- Arrange appointment for pedicure, manicure, facial, and personal grooming
- Double check your wedding attire fitting and try out (and gently "break in") your wedding shoes
- Arrange accommodation for out-of-town guests, if necessary
- Confirm arrival times for vendors/service providers on wedding day
- Determine any special requirements by vendors/service providers on day of wedding
- Prepare directions to wedding venues - church, reception, accommodation, rehearsal dinner, brunches, etc.
- If you're moving or relocating, give notices and make arrangement to discontinue services

- Get forms for changing driver's license and other documents to married name
- Prepare wedding announcement for local newspaper unless you wish to make announcement after wedding

Two Weeks Before Your Dream Wedding

- Prepare seating chart for wedding reception
- Prepare seating cards
- Give wedding favors and decorations to those in charge of setting up reception room
- Review wedding day checklist/agenda with MOH, Best Man, and Wedding MC
- Make any necessary arrangements for pet care, house plants, mail, etc. while on honeymoon
- Update gift registry

Last minute items:

- > Buy special ["thank you" gift for your parents](#)
- > Film for cameras
- > Batteries for cameras
- > Umbrellas for rain
- > Soaps and toiletries for wedding guests (in restrooms)
- > Write love note or [buy special gift and card for your handsome groom](#) for wedding day
- > Ensure wedding rings fit
- > Money for tips

Vendor or service provider checklist and confirmation of appointment or order and delivery times:

- Caterer (wedding guest head count, menu, alcohol)
- Baker (wedding cake)
- Photographer (wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony and reception)
- Videographer (wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony and reception)
- Florist (floral arrangements for ceremony, reception, and (if desired) rehearsal)
- Limousine service (fax or email pick up and drop off addresses - confirm they received information)
- Musicians, live band, DJ, or other entertainment
- Wedding officiant and church organist ([wedding vows](#), church music, special requirements)
- Rental services
- Wedding reception - decorations and seating
- Church or ceremony venue
- Travel agent (honeymoon and travel details)
- Accommodation - out-of-town guests
- Accommodation - after wedding ceremony and honeymoon
- Wedding attire (bride, bridesmaids, groom, groomsmen, ushers, flower girl, ring bearer)
- Wedding cake (delivery)
- Bartender or bar service
- Hair salon or stylist
- Manicure and/or pedicure | personal grooming
- Makeup (if being done by a professional)

One Week Before Your Dream Wedding

- Give final guest count to caterer for rehearsal dinner and wedding reception

- Finalize arrangements with florist, photographer, musicians, rental centers (if necessary)
- Pick up your wedding gown and accessories
- Groom and groomsmen to pick up attire
- Pick up bridesmaids' gowns, shoes, and accessories
- Pack (attire, medications, birth control) for your honeymoon and leave itinerary with parents or family member
- Reconfirm travel and accommodation arrangements for honeymoon
- Prepare items you'll require on your wedding day (including bride's emergency kit - see below for details)
- Arrange for someone to coordinate transportation and last-minute details on wedding day
- Arrange for delivery of gift baskets for out-of-town guests

Rehearsal Day

- Make a [toast or speech](#) at the wedding rehearsal dinner
- Present your [wedding attendants with gifts](#)

Your Dream Wedding Day (Congratulations!)

- Get your hair styled with the bridal hairstyle you chose
- Have your makeup applied by professional, if desired (allow plenty of time)
- Take your wedding dress, accessories, makeup, and emergency kit to the ceremony site
- Check that Best Man has the wedding rings, officiant and organist fees, marriage license
- Give special "thank you" gifts to parents
- Have MOH or bridesmaid deliver love note or special gift and card to your handsome groom
- Ensure everyone is available for wedding pictures
- Have list of wedding vendors and contact | emergency numbers on hand in case of an emergency

After Your Dream Wedding

- Have your gown cleaned and stored properly
- Groom, groomsmen, ushers, fathers to return rented attire
- Ensure all "thank you" notes have been sent
- Place wedding announcement in local newspaper (unless you want to announce wedding before wedding day)
- Prepare or update wills
- Buy or update insurance policies
- Close gift registry when appropriate
- Post wedding pictures on wedding site
- Arrange for delivery of your wedding gifts to your new home

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I wish you every joy and happiness on your perfect wedding day...and in the years to come!

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Bride's Emergency Kit

Planning ahead by preparing a bride's emergency kit can reduce stress and help things go smoothly on your wedding day. Here are a number of items to have in your "emergency kit" on your wedding day.

Beauty

- Hair brush, hair spray, comb, and curling iron
- Bobby pins and other hair accessories
- Clear nail polish | Nail polish remover
- Nail file, nail clippers, tweezers
- False nails, colored nail polish, nail glue, and toothpicks

Makeup

- Dusting powder
- Makeup - all items - and makeup remover
- Small towels and face towels (2 or 3 of each)
- Tissues | Mirror

Attire

- Panty hose (extras in right size and color)
- Buttons
- Safety pins - of all sizes...from large to small
- Iron and towel or pressing cloth | steamer (if recommended by bridal salon)
- Stain | Spot remover (recommended by bridal salon) | Static cling spray
- Slippers and shoe horn | Superglue for broken heels
- Earring backs

Sewing Kit

- Needles, pins, thimble, and scissors
- Thread - colored, white, and "invisible" - for all of the gowns and dresses
- Tape (double-sided) for emergency "hemming" | Fast drying glue

Medical | Personal

- Prescription medications | Allergy medication
- Headache remedies
- Antacids or other stomach relief
- Smelling salts
- Tampons | Feminine hygiene products
- Antiseptic, cotton balls, and clear hypoallergenic bandages
- Suntan lotion | Hand lotion
- Breath mints and candy
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash
- Soap and/or hand sanitizer | Deodorant
- Perfume
- Glasses or contact lens solution | Eye drops

Sundry Items

- Bottled drinking water | Favorite energy snack
- Emergency telephone | Cell phone numbers (bridal party and service providers | vendors)
- Cell phone (make sure charged up) and/or coins for pay phone
- Moist towelettes and bathroom tissue
- Your [Wedding Speech](#)

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