

Engagement Party Checklist

1. Decide on the host

Traditionally, this event is hosted by the bride's parents.

2. Choose a date

The timeline is usually anything from three to six months before the wedding

3. Determine your budget

A budget can help guide your planning and also help you pick a party theme and decide on other aspects.

4. Choose a venue

Depending on the type and size of the celebration, your home or a restaurant could be great choices of venue.

5. Create a guest list

An engagement party is usually attended by the couple's nearest and dearest. These are people who will also be invited to the wedding.

6. Send out invitations

If possible send out the invites at least a month to six weeks in advance of the engagement party, so each guest is able to plan their attendance.

7. Create a menu

A formal sit-down dinner might require a five-course meal, while an at-home backyard party would go great with a buffet-style menu or chip-and-dip bar alongside champagne and desserts.

8. Designate duties

Things like setting up engagement party games and collecting gifts can be handled by friends or family members.

9. Decide on décor and entertainment

From simple floral arrangements to motifs and candles, the choice of décor would depend on the type of venue used.

10. Gifts

For guests who would like to give gifts, the couple could include a link to the registry on the invite.