



Wedding-Planning Timeline

Over 12 months before

- ☐ Choose a wedding date
- ☐ Start your wedding folder
- ☐ Discuss and choose the style and formality of the wedding
- ☐ Put an engagement announcement in the local paper
- ☐ Decide on a wedding budget
- ☐ Hire a wedding consultant
- ☐ Select your ceremony location
- ☐ Start shopping for a wedding
- ☐ Select a venue for the reception site
- ☐ Create your wedding Pinterest board

8-10 months before

- ☐ Take engagement photos
- ☐ Book your wedding officiant
- ☐ Hire the reception caterer
- ☐ Book photographer and videographer
- ☐ Hire a band or DJ
- ☐ Decide on the bridesmaids' dresses
- ☐ Start compiling names and addresses for the guest list
- ☐ Set up your wedding registry

4-7 months before

- ☐ Finalize guest list
- ☐ Shop for wedding stationery
- ☐ Arrange accommodation
- ☐ Select your wedding cake
- ☐ Begin preparations for the honeymoon
- ☐ Book a florist
- ☐ Shop for wedding bands



3 months before

- ☐ Send out invitations
- ☐ Pick out tuxedos
- ☐ Book any rental items
- ☐ Discuss finalized menu options and costs with the caterer
- ☐ Arrange transportation/ limousine service
- ☐ Order wedding favors
- ☐ Shop for bridal party gifts
- ☐ Begin any necessary counseling sessions with the wedding officiant

2 months before

- ☐ Choose wedding music
- ☐ Select a location for the rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Confirm order with the formal wear shop
- ☐ Schedule alterations
- ☐ Schedule fittings for the bridesmaids and flower girls
- ☐ Confirm order with your florist

1 months before

- ☐ Design the wedding programs
- ☐ Apply for a marriage license
- ☐ Have final dress fitting
- ☐ Choose all wedding accessories
- ☐ Visit hairstylist
- ☐ Visit make-up artist
- ☐ Get hair and make-up done and have formal bridal portraits taken
- ☐ Discuss and finalize details with wedding service providers

2 weeks before

- ☐ Call any guests who have not RSVP'd
- ☐ Give caterer finalized headcount
- ☐ Pick up the marriage license
- ☐ Give DJ or band a list of songs
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal plans
- ☐ Check parking arrangements
- ☐ Obtain any legal information
- ☐ Complete floor and seating plan
- ☐ Confirm all rental and floral delivery dates and times
- ☐ Confirm arrival time of all attendants



1 weeks before

- ☐ Make any last-minute arrangements/adjustments
- ☐ Organize wedding day attire
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations
- ☐ Confirm reservations for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Pack for the honeymoon
- ☐ Pack your passports
- ☐ Gather all necessary documents for travel
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal plans with attendants
- ☐ Confirm reservations for the rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Pick up formalwear

1 day before

- ☐ Go through the list of things to do and make sure all bases are covered
- ☐ Pack wedding day emergency kit
- ☐ Get manicure and pedicure
- ☐ Take a steamy relaxing bath
- ☐ Put wedding attire and accessories together
- ☐ Give rings to best man
- ☐ Try to get a good night's sleep
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal plans with attendants

Wedding day

- ☐ Eat something - avoid sugars and caffeine
- ☐ Get hair and make-up done
- ☐ Have someone check reception site
- ☐ Dress for wedding
- ☐ Have candid photos taken with family

After the honeymoon

- ☐ Have your wedding gown and flowers preserved
- ☐ Write thank-you notes
- ☐ Change name