

Wedding Checklist

9-12 Months Before

- Announce your engagement to family and friends and plan an engagement party
- Place an engagement announcement in your local newspaper
- Sign up for a wedding website so you can keep your guests informed about event details, area information, etc.
- Decide who will pay for what and work on your individual and total budget
- Get your creative juices flowing by viewing and saving wedding ideas from Pinterest, bridal blogs, magazines, etc.
- Start brainstorming on the type of wedding you want to have (small, formal, semiformal, informal....)
- Consider purchasing wedding planning software or planner to organize everything, or hire a wedding planner to help
- Choose a wedding date – select a few in case your first choice is booked
- Choose a venue and reserve your ceremony and reception site
- Begin a rough guest list and compile current addresses
- Decide on who you'd like to have as your attendants, including your maid of honor and best man
- Begin shopping for your wedding gown
- Attend bridal shows and compile a list of potential vendors and anything you really liked

6-9 Months Before

- Gift registry
- Hold your engagement party
- Finalize your guest list and send out save-the-dates
- Order your wedding gown and purchase your undergarments to wear with it and to bring to the fittings
- Order other bridal accessories (shoes, gloves, veil, jewelry)
- Begin shopping for bridesmaid and flower girl dresses
- Discuss wedding invitation wording
- Go over your bridal shower and bachelorette party details and guest list with your hosts
- Find an officiant to perform the ceremony
- Research local vendors (Musicians, Bands, DJs, caterer, Florist, Photographer, Videographer, etc.)

4-6 Months Before

- Start researching wedding cake pictures and local bakeries. Schedule tastings
- Select and order your wedding invitations, invitation envelopes, and thank-you cards
- Book your honeymoon and verify that you have any necessary travel documents including passports and visas
- Select and purchase wedding favors and wedding favor accessories (boxes, personalized wedding ribbon, labels, etc.)
- Book a room for your wedding night, if you will be leaving for your honeymoon the next morning
- Purchase any desired ceremony and reception decorations (unity candles, vases, aisle runners, etc.)
- Book hotel rooms or arrange for other accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Hold Bridal Shower
- Print out directions to the ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner and hotel(s) for guests

- Book rehearsal and rehearsal dinner locations
- Compile and send out rehearsal guest list
- Compile a list of area information and things to do for out-of-town guests
- Reserve transportation for you and your wedding party as well as a bus or trolley for your guests if necessary

2-4 Months

- Write personal vows
- Find out what your state's requirements are for obtaining a marriage license
- Shop and reserve men's' formalwear
- Meet with your caterer to discuss the menu and your bar/liquor needs
- Select wedding readings
- Order your wedding cake
- Shop for a gift for your spouse to be
- Meet with your officiant to discuss ceremony details and wording
- Buy thank you gifts for your attendants
- Select and purchase wedding rings and have them engraved if desired
- Finalize menu and music selections
- Contact party rental companies for tents, tables, arches, etc. if necessary
- Book any other specialty services (ice sculptures, photo booths, etc.)
- Purchase luggage and other travel necessities and attire for your honeymoon
- Consider taking dance lessons
- Order/renew passports if necessary
- Send shower thank you cards

1-2 Months Before

- Mail invitations out to everyone eight weeks prior to the wedding date and send accommodation info to your out of town guests
- Compile and complete name change documents
- Fill out a change of address form if necessary
- Have ceremony programs printed
- Schedule photography appointment for bridal portrait and prepare a list for photo and video shots
- Purchase a guest book, pen, and other wedding accessories (toasting glasses, cake knife, ring pillow, etc.)
- Choose your hair and makeup styles and schedule a trial for both
- Book appointments to have your hair, makeup and nails done on the day of the wedding
- Review insurance information with your fiancé and check with employers to see what documents need to be updated once you are legally wed (car, home, medical, etc.)

2 Weeks to 1 Month Before

- Create a seating chart for the reception and make table numbers and place cards
- Contact your caterer with final guest count
- Print out timeline of events for your wedding party and vendors

- Contact your florist to confirm your final flower order (bouquets, boutonnieres, centerpieces, etc.) and go over any décor details or venue logistics for the big day
- Schedule your final dress fitting
- Send rehearsal dinner invites
- Place a wedding announcement in your local newspaper
- Plan a bridal luncheon or dinner with your bridesmaids
- Pick up wedding rings if you were having them engraved and check for errors
- Apply for your marriage license
- Write rehearsal dinner toasts
- Plan your something old, new, borrowed, and blue
- Harass anyone who hasn't RSVP'd

1 Week Before

- Bachelorette party
- Confirm arrival times and finalize your wedding timeline with vendors and your wedding party
- Put together your bridal emergency kit
- Pick up your wedding gown
- Pick up your marriage license
- Confirm limo or other transportation reservations
- Pack for your honeymoon and confirm travel reservations
- Have your post office hold your mail while you are on your honeymoon
- Treat yourself to a spa day

The Day Before

- Write out final checks to your wedding vendors (each organized in an envelope) and let your wedding coordinator or one of your attendants to distribute at the wedding
- Ensure your wedding day items are packed and laid out
- Attend rehearsal
- Assign someone to pack up your gifts and belongings after the reception
- Enjoy a mani-pedi

The Wedding Day

- Wake up early and do some easy exercise, or just go on a peaceful walk
- Set aside some time before the festivities to share your gifts with attendants
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- ENJOY!

After the Honeymoon

- Write and send thank you cards
- Complete your registry and exchange any unwanted or duplicate gifts
- Have your wedding dress cleaned and preserved
- Keep in touch with your photographer and videographer
- Complete your name change
- Preserve your bouquets
- Enjoy wedded bliss!