



WEDDING PLANNING LIST

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Announce your engagement
- Arrange both sets of parents to get together
- Decide on a date
- Discuss your budget with everyone contributing to the event
- Interview wedding planners/wedding venues
- Pick the ceremony and dinner site
- Work on the guest list to get a rough count

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Chose your wedding party
- Enroll in a bridal-gift registry
- Shop for your gown
- Pick bridal attendants' dresses
- Choose a photographer/videographer
- Hire a florist
- Choose an officinal
- Book the musician or DJ

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Buy wedding invitations, envelopes, thank you cards, etc
- Order the wedding gown
- Shop for the cake
- Scout accommodations for your out-of town guests (most hotels give a reduced rate for group room blocks)
- Complete the guest list (assume 20% will not attend)
- Send out save-the-date letters

2-4 MONTHS

- Call county clerk's office for marriage license requirements
- Order tuxedos from the groom and groomsmen
- Get a blood test if needed for the marriage license
- Make honeymoon reservations. Compile all necessary documents (passports, visa, etc.)
- Meet with the caterer or banquet manager to discuss menus, service style, wine lists, etc.
- Order the wedding cake
- Select approved ceremony music
- Pick the reception music
- Buy thank you gifts for the attendants.
- Shop for the wedding bands
- Meet with party or rental companies if necessary
- Arrange for the rehearsal dinner



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4-8 WEEKS BEFORE

- Mail the invitations eight weeks ahead of the date
- Do hair and makeup run through (with headpieces)
- Book your favorite beauty pros for the big day
- Make insurance policy changes you'll need post-wedding

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Make the seating chart for the reception
- Confirm details with all vendors
- Give the caterer the final head count
- Have your final dress and tux fitting
- Schedule rehearsal with catering manager for the day before

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Place the fees due on the wedding day in envelopes
- Appoint a friend to deliver cake knife, server, toasting glasses or other heirloom pieces to catering manager and to collect after the wedding
- Pack your bags for the honeymoon.
- Reconfirm reservations for hotel reservations and flights for the honeymoon

3 DAYS BEFORE

- Meet with caterer
- Bring place cards, favors, and ceremony items, or any other decor you want placed out for the ceremony or reception.
- Make final payment for ceremony, food and beverage

THE DAY BEFORE

- Greet your out-of-town guests
- Go to the gym or spa as a stress-reducing activity
- Rehearsal
- Rehearsal dinner