

Wedding Checklist
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Propose

Announce Engagement to Friends and Family

Things to Consider:

- How will expenses be shared?
- What is the overall budget?
- What type of wedding? (location, size, formality, etc.)
- Premarital counseling?
- Hire a Wedding Planner?
- Get in Shape?
- Start a Scrapbook?

Twelve or More Months Prior

- Consider Possible Wedding Dates
- Research Ceremony Locations, Call for Availability
- Research Reception Locations, Call for Availability
- Research Bridal Fashions

- Research Florists
- Research Ceremony Musicians
- Research Caterers
- Research Photographers
- Research Videographers
- Research Reception Entertainment

- Choose Officiant
- Choose Wedding Colors
- Choose Wedding Party

Things to Consider:

- Create a wedding web site?
- Send engagement information to the newspaper?
- Bring families together to celebrate?

- Shop together for rings?
- Throw an engagement party?
- Renew Passports?
- Whiten your teeth for parties and photographs?

Eleven Months Prior

- Discuss favorite songs for reception and wedding DVD
- Book Florist
- Book Ceremony Musicians
- Book Ceremony Location
- Book Reception Site
- Book Reception Entertainment
- Book Caterer
- Book Photographer
- Book Videographer
- Book Reception Entertainment
- Research Wedding Invitations

Ten Months Prior

- Alert Out-of-Town Guests
- Choose Bridal Gown
- Research Honeymoon Locations
- Research Bridesmaid Dresses
- Research Bakeries & Wedding Cake Ideas
- Meet with Caterer, Arrange Tasting
- Order Wedding Invitations
- Select Bridal Shower Hostess
- Create Bridal Shower Guest List
- Create Wedding Gift Registry

Nine Months Prior

- Reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests?
- Purchase Bridal Accessories
- Consider Men's Attire
- Choose Bridesmaid Fashion
- Choose Bakery & Wedding Cake Style
- Hire a Calligrapher for Invitations
- Select Date for Bridal Shower
- Send Bridal Shower Invitations

Eight Months Prior

- Document All Gifts Received
- Get Measurements for Out-of-Town Wedding Party
- Order Bridesmaid Dresses
- Meet with Bakery, Arrange Tasting

Seven Months Prior

- Send Wedding Invitations
- Plan or Create Wedding Favors
- Book Honeymoon
- Research Hair Fashions and Makeup

Things to Consider:

- Dance Lessons?
- Shots?

Six Months Prior

- Finalize Floral Designs
- Book Hair and Makeup Venue
- Order Wedding Cake
- Choose Reception Menu
- Shop for Wedding Rings
- Choose Bridesmaid Accessories
- Coordinate Mother's Dresses
- Research Rental Needs
- Finalize Ceremony Music

Five Months Prior

- Bridal Shower
- Book Rental Supplies
- Consider Rehearsal Dinner Locations
- Research Transportation Options
- Book Lodging for Out-of-Town Guests

Four Months Prior

- Blood Test
- Physical Exams
- Thank You Cards for Bridal Shower Gifts
- Determine Date and Location of Bachelorette Party
- Determine Date and Location of Bachelor Party
- Book Rehearsal Dinner Location
- Book Transportation
- Reserve Groom's and Groomsman's Attire
- Purchase Wedding Rings
- Research Gifts for Wedding Party
- Research Gifts for Parents

Things to Consider:

- Need Babysitters at Wedding and/or Reception?
- Liability Insurance for Locations?
- Renew Passports

Three Months Prior

- Alert Participants Regarding Roles (Readers, Greeters, Guest Book, etc.)
- Finalize Wedding Favors
- Send Rehearsal Dinner Announcements
- Buy Gifts for Wedding Party
- Buy Gifts for Parents
- Discuss Gifts or Tips for Vendors
- Meet with Photographer, Discuss Expectations
- Schedule Final Fitting for Bride & Bridesmaids
- Photos to Videographer for Slideshow
- Discuss Custom Vows
- Consider Wedding Program Details

Things to Consider:

- Changing a Name?
- Buying a Home?
- Need Insurance?
- Combining Finances?
- Moving & Storage?

Two Months Prior

- Obtain Marriage License
- Plan After-Reception Outfits
- Meet with Officiant, Discuss Details
- Confirm Rehearsal Dinner Arrangements
- Purchase Accessories (Pillow, Guest Book, Candles, etc.)
- Meet with Hair & Make Up, Discuss Expectations
- Confirm Honeymoon Plans
- Finalize Wedding Program Details
- Finalize Ceremony Details
- Meet with Videographer for "Love Story" and Set Expectations
- Finalize Reception Details
- Begin Writing Vows
- Wedding Announcement to Newspapers
- Practice Walking/Dancing in Bridal Shoes

One Month Prior

- Final Dress Fittings
- Bridal Portrait
- Bachelorette Party
- Bachelor Party
- Meet with Reception Entertainment, Discuss Expectations
- Order Wedding Program
- Call Guests, Confirm all Details
- Contact All Vendors, Confirm Times and Locations
- Determine Seating Arrangement at Reception

Things to Consider:

- House-Sitter while on Honeymoon?
- Change of Address Forms?

Two Weeks Prior

- Pick Up Wedding Programs
- Write Thank-You Cards for Gifts Already Received
- Write Place Cards for Receptions
- Final Head Count to Caterer
- Finalize Vows

- Pick up Dresses
- Pick Up Rings
- Finalize all Wedding-Day Details

One Week Prior

- Provide Wedding-Day Details to Wedding Party, Parents and Vendors
- Hair Colored and Trimmed
- Vendor Contacts to Someone Responsible
- Pack
- Prepare Wedding Favors for Transport

The Day Before

- Manicure & Pedicure
- Massage

- Gifts to Wedding Party
- Tip/Payment Envelopes for Vendors
- Hand out Assignment List
- Rehearsal
- Rehearsal Dinner

Wedding Day

- Hair & Makeup
- Gifts to Parents
- Wedding!
- Reception

After the Wedding

- Mail Wedding Announcement Cards
- Mail Thank You Cards

- Wedding Gown Preservation
- Wedding Bouquet Preservation

- Finalize Photo Album
- Finalize Wedding DVD
- Close Registry