

# Wedding Checklist

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## At Least 12 Months Before

- Create a wedding binder that includes a calendar and a copy of the Bridal Guide magazine
- Set the date/time for ceremony
- Select engagement and wedding rings
- Decide on type/style of wedding
- Discuss and set a budget
- Visit and book the venue for your ceremony
- Visit and book the venue for your reception
- Visit officiant to discuss the ceremony
- Choose an event planner
- Choose a Professional Caterer
- Select wedding attendants
- Select wedding dress and veil
- Select a professional photographer
- Select a professional videographer
- Select musicians for ceremony/reception
- Select a professional florist
- Set up a separate checking account for wedding expenses

## At Least Six to Twelve Months Before

- Determine the color scheme for the wedding
- Begin writing vows
- Make first draft of the invitation list
- Select and order attendants' gowns
- Select a baker for your cakes
- Get fabric samples to match shoes
- Select tuxedos for the Groom, Groomsmen, Ushers, and Fathers
- Order wedding invitations and stationary
- Mothers of the Bride and Groom to select their dresses
- Put engagement announcement in the newspaper
- Make Honeymoon plans and reservations
- Reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Choose a florist and make flower selections
- Register with a bridal gift registry

## Three to Six Months Before

- Check passports/visas
- Decide on the shop for you trousseau
- Order the wedding cake and groom's cake
- Order the limousine and transportation
- Schedule a constitution with your hair stylist
- Check on regulations and cost of obtaining your marriage license
- Groom's family to make arrangements for the rehearsal dinner
- Decide how you want to exit the reception and the ceremony
- Find out if guests can throw birdseed, rice, flower petals, etc.
- Buy/make favors to give guests if desired
- Make second draft of the invitations list
- Make appointment for a bridal portrait
- Make hair/nail appointment for bridal portrait
- First wedding gown fitting
- Select reception decorations

## Two to Three Months Before

- Get a bridal portrait taken
- Finalize vows and memorize (if necessary)
- Buy gifts for Maid of Honor, Bridesmaids, personal attendant
- Buy gifts for Best Man, Groomsmen, ushers
- Finalize invitation list
- Order invitations
- Order programs (if used)
- Order monogrammed napkins for reception if desired
- Get any immunizations you need for the Honeymoon
- Arrange special music selections
- Plan Bridesmaids' luncheon
- Wedding day appointment for your hair & make-up stylist
- Make nail appointment for one day before wedding day
- Open a joint savings and checking account
- Name your intended spouse as the beneficiary on your insurance policy, and in your will

## One to Two Months Before

- Arrange final fitting of your gown and Bridesmaid dresses
- Confirm with photographer, caterer, musician, florist, limousine, and bakery
- Select Bride's and Groom's gifts
- Meeting with officiant on ceremony details
- Obtain marriage license
- Address & mail wedding invitations (if not completed)
- Pick up wedding bands
- Ensure home/renter's insurance covers wedding bands, or additional wedding jewelry
- Confirm Honeymoon reservations
- Record gifts as you receive them and send thank-you notes
- Send maps to out-of-town guests

## One Week Before

- Pack a Honeymoon trousseau
- Arrange head table seating
- Reconfirm Honeymoon arrangements
- Make certain that attendants and helpers have their instructions
- Pick up wedding gown and veil
- Pick up attendants' gowns
- Notify the caterer of final guest count (if not already completed)
- Make sure arrangements have been made for out-of-town guests

## The Day Before

- Attend wedding rehearsal
- Nail appointment
- Pick up tuxedos

## On the Wedding Day

- Bride's hair and make-up appointments
- Allow three hours to dress and relax ♦