

ULTIMATE WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

Just Engaged? Here Are Steps to Start Your Wedding Planning

- Savor the moment and the engagement glow.
- Share your good news with all joy. Flaunt that ring to friends!
- Plan an engagement get together or party!
- Begin to randomly pen essentials that make your dream wedding. All those fairy tale imaginations? Pen them down.
- Decide if you want a huge or small wedding, destination or local, backyard or Vegas, rustic or glamour themed!
- Get a free wedding planning checklist (available online) and you're halfway there!

12+ months Before the Wedding

- Decide on your wedding budget. Very important!
- Decide on your wedding style.
- Start sorting out your guest list. Get everyone (mother, father, fiancé, and in-laws) to bring in their list.
- Choose multiple wedding dates (about 3), to reduce pressure and allow flexibility.
- Pick out as many venue options that you love, compare prices and services.
- Start building a wedding website. You need all the time.
- Pick out your wedding party (maid of honor, bridesmaids, and groomsmen). You need all of them for the task ahead.
- Assemble your team of vendors (Florals, caterers, photographers, emcees). Now is the time to check out their services, cost and job quality.
- Check for trending dresses and accessories. It's time to get familiar with Pinterest.
- Get the most suitable wedding insurance package.
- Take your pre-wedding photos.
- Order your save the date stationery if you're not going paperless.

10 - 11 Months Before

- Pick the wedding date.
- Decide on your theme.
- Visit and book the approved venue.
- Shop for wears and accessories of the bridal entourage.
- Complete your guest's list.
- Send out your wedding save the dates.
- Book your vendors (caterers, band, emcee, photographer, and florist).
- Book your wedding officiant.
- Order that your dream wedding subscription box.
- Establish a fitness regimen.

8 - 9 Months Before

- Sieve wedding guests you want to invite to specific parts of the wedding.
- Pick out wedding designs for stationery (menu cards, programs, favors, thank you cards) that coordinates with your theme and website.
- Select few, suitable and affordable hotels to accommodate out of town guests.
- Hire a planner if you can afford it. But if you can't, get a trusted person to see everyday activities.
- Create your wedding playlist and update or remove as your day approaches.
- Check out Styles of wedding cakes, discuss this with your caterers and attend a taster session.
- Confirm bookings with entertainment vendors.

6 - 7 Months before Wedding

- Get your wedding rings.
- Order thank you cards for those who will send in their gifts before the wedding.
- Start looking up how to write a great wedding invitation wording.
- Meet up with the officiant to discuss your wedding day, wedding program and begin a marriage class if necessary.
- Check out trending bridal hair and make-up styles.
- Order your invitations or DIY customized invitations
- Book transport arrangements to move guests to the wedding venue (s).
- Buy your wedding rings.
- Make rental reservations.
- Create a wedding registry.
- Check out honeymoon destinations and start planning for it.
- Start planning any extra wedding events (bridal shower, rehearsal dinner, wedding after party etc.)

4 - 5 Months Before

- Pay for the cake you have chosen.
- Conclude on the meal plan (in the absence of dietary preferences by guests).
- Pick a honeymoon spot and book.
- If it's a destination honeymoon, start checking and updating your passports and other necessary travel documents.
- Prepare complimentary packages for out of town guests.
- Get an RSVP catalog to keep up with your guests.
- Choose your venue décor and flowers for every member of your bridal party.
- Book a place for your wedding night.

Wedding Checklist: 3 Months Before

- Book your hair and make-up stylists, let them know and experiment what you want.
- Conclude the drafts for your wedding vows.
- Purchase other items necessary like flower baskets, linens, toast flutes, guest books etc.
- Order wedding favors and menu cards, if you'll use them.
- Conclude seating arrangements.
- Finalize wedding readings.
- Finalize menu plan.
- Send out wedding invitations.

2 Months before the Wedding Day

- Update your wedding registry.
- Give your band or DJ a play/do not playlist.
- Confirm that guests have gotten hotels to settle in.
- Get familiar with your wedding shoes.
- Apply for the wedding license.
- Draft the wedding program content.
- Go over the details of the ceremony with your officiant.
- Purchase wedding gifts for your bridal party.
- Send your order of wedding proceedings to the wedding party, vendors and officiant.
- Book a luxury day out for some pampering with your bridal party.

A Month before the Wedding

- Confirm reservations for the honeymoon.
- Pick up the wedding programs.
- Go for the final dress fittings.
- Call vendors to confirm availability.
- Mail time, dates and location to vendors.
- Pack up for the honeymoon.
- Pick up rings.
- Finalize the playlist.
- Pick up a license.
- Draft handwritten thank you notes for gifts arrival.

2 Weeks Before

- Follow up on guests who have not confirmed.
- Arrange for care of your home and pets (if any) during the honeymoon.
- Give caterers the final guest count and guests dietary preferences (if any).
- Update registry one last time.
- Delegate people to duties at your wedding.
- Delegate people to carry out after wedding activities.
- Send directions and time to transport providers.

Wedding Planning Checklist: 1 Week

- Get your dress and accessories delivered. Do not fail to try all of them out.
- Get a manicure and pedicure. Feel cleaner and fresher.
- Pack an overnight bag, a going away outfit and honeymoon luggage.
- Get all your travel documents into your luggage, so you don't forget them.
- Let someone; a family or friend know where you're off to for the honeymoon.
- Pack up a bridal emergency kit.
- Delegate a trusted friend or family to act on your behalf (receive calls and guests) through the rest of the wedding.
- Give scripts to their various readers.
- Give vendors all payments and tips you have for them.

The Day before the Wedding

- Check that everything is intact. Rings, marriage license, cash, vows, travel documents, dresses and, those choice undergarments.
- Send out complimentary gifts to out of town guests arriving.
- Put your vows to memory
- Attend rehearsal dinner.
- Book a time out and relaxation session at the spa for just you.
- Set an alarm.
- Retire to bed early.

Wedding Day! Congrats!

- Breathe, focus and relax.
- Eat well, but light.
- Bask in the moment and smile a lot. Let your joy show.
- Appreciate everyone (family and friends) that has held your hands through the planning process.
- Give your rings to the best man.
- Go ahead and get married!

Beyond The Wedding Checklist

- Send out thank you cards to everyone who made the wedding successful.
- Delegate someone to return rentals.
- Make sure to send all attires to the dry cleaners and accessories to their owners.
- Settle in and enjoy the first day of the best days of the rest of your life!