



Just engaged? Start your wedding planning timeline

- Just live in the moment, savor the joy and share the news with friends.
- Plan a party or get together with friends to celebrate the engagement.
- Write down the random ideas you might have for your wedding.
- Decide on the type of wedding you'd want to have, small or big, rustic or classic, no need for details yet.
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12+ Months

- Make a decision on your [wedding budget](#) as well as your wedding style or theme.
- Begin to create a guest list, keeping your budget in mind for the amount of people you can accommodate.
- Decide on your wedding dates and begin to explore venues that are available for those time periods and
- Pick out your wedding party and find out which of your close friends would be able to attend.
- If you would have a [wedding website](#), this would be the time to build one.
- Assemble a list of vendors and begin to check their prices and styles to see if they match your requirements.
- Begin to check out wedding dresses and accessories.
- Arrange for your save the date stationery or DIY them if you choose to.
- Take pre-wedding photos.
- Get a wedding insurance package.
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11 Months

- Complete your guest list.
- Book the approved venue.
- Send out your [save the dates](#).
- Shop for bridal party wears and accessories.
- Book your wedding officiant as well as your vendors.
- Add a fitness regimen to your activities so you can look and feel good.
- If you haven't already, order a bridal box subscription.
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10 Months

- Pick out designs for your wedding stationery that are in line with your wedding theme.
- Hire a planner if you can afford one, or delegate family and friends.
- Organize hotels to accommodate guests from out of town.
- Discuss cakes and cake tasting with your chosen caterer.
- Confirm booking with music and entertainment vendors and create your playlist.
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9 Months

- Write out the wording for your wedding invitations and order or DIY the invitations.
- Get thank you cards for those who sent in their gifts early.
- Get your wedding rings.
- Make hotel and rental reservations as well as transport arrangements for out of town guests.
- Create a [wedding registry](#).
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8 Months

- Start planning other events like the wedding after party, bridal shower and rehearsal dinner.
- Begin to choose bridal hair and makeup styles.
- Begin to choose honeymoon destinations.
- Refine the guest list if needed.
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7 Months

- Discuss the wedding day and program with your wedding officiant.

- Reserve rentals like lighting, linens, chairs and décor.
- Decide on the attire for the groomsmen.
- Hire wedding ceremony musicians if needed.
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6-5 Months

- Conclude on the [meal menu plan](#) and any dietary preferences for certain guests.
- Pay for the chosen wedding cake.
- Prepare any needed welcome packages for guests coming into town and create an RSVP catalog to keep up with them.
- Choose and book your honeymoon spot.
- Choose and book the location for the wedding night.
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4 Months

- Arrange dress fittings for the bridal party and yourself if needed.
- Finalize on the wedding guest list.
- Choose flowers for the wedding venues and wedding party.
- Create the guest list for the rehearsal dinner and book the necessary venue.
- Order invitations for the wedding rehearsal dinner.
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3 Months

- Begin to draft your wedding vows.
- Book hair and makeup and experiment with the styles you want.
- Conclude on guest sitting arrangements.
- Organize wedding readings.
- Order or DIY wedding favors.
- Purchase other necessary items like linens, toast flutes, flower baskets and so on.
- Send out your wedding invitations.
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2 Months

- Confirm that each of your out of town guests have accommodations for the wedding period.
- Give your play and do not play list to your band or DJ.
- Draft the wedding program if need be and rehearse with the officiant.

- Apply for your [wedding license](#).
 - Procure gifts for your bridal party.
 - Make sure your vendors, bridal party and officiant are up to date on the wedding proceedings.
 - Organize a day of fun and relaxation with your bridal party.
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A Month to-go

- Pick up or DIY the wedding programs.
 - Confirm your honeymoon reservations.
 - Confirm dates and availability with all vendors.
 - Do final dress fittings.
 - Pick up wedding license.
 - Write thank you notes for gifts.
 - Finalize [wedding playlist](#).
 - Pick up wedding rings.
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Two Weeks

- Update the wedding registry a final time.
 - Follow up on the guests who have not confirmed attendance.
 - Conclude with the caterers on time and guest count.
 - Delegate necessary wedding day or planning activities.
 - Arrange for the care of your pets, if any, during the honeymoon period.
 - Confirm with transport companies.
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One Week

- Pack your honeymoon luggage as well as your going away outfit.
 - Get your travel documents in order and pack with your bags.
 - Get your dress delivered along with accessories.
 - Get a manicure and pedicure.
 - Settle payments and tips with all vendors.
 - Pack a small bridal emergency kit for the wedding day.
 - Leave your honeymoon details with a close friend or family in case of emergencies.
 - Give [wedding ceremony scripts](#) to the various readers.
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One Day To-Go

- Send out the welcome packages to the arriving guests.
- Memorize your wedding vows.
- Check to confirm that items like travel documents, cash, rings, dresses and undergarments are all intact and in the right place.
- Attend rehearsal dinner.
- Book a time at the spa if possible, just to relax.
- Go to bed early, and don't forget to set an alarm.
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Wedding Day

- Focus as you go through the motions, breathe and relax.
- Eat light.
- Smile a lot and just enjoy the celebration.
- Appreciate family and friends for their time and contributions.
- Give the wedding rings to the best man.
- Go get married.
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Beyond the Wedding Checklist

- Return the rentals or delegate someone to do that.
- Send thank you cards to each of your wedding guests that attended.
- Send all accessories back to their owners and necessary attires to the drycleaners.
- Sit back, relax and enjoy the new journey you have begun in your life.
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