

wedding
FORWARD

WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE



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planning

OVER 12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose a wedding date
- Start your wedding folder
- Discuss and choose the style and formality of the wedding
- Put an engagement announcement in the local paper
- Decide on a wedding budget
- Hire a wedding consultant
- Select your ceremony location
- Start shopping for a wedding
- Select a venue for the reception site
- Create your wedding Pinterest board

8–10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Take engagement photos
- Book your wedding officiant
- Hire the reception caterer
- Book photographer and videographer
- Hire a band or DJ
- Decide on the bridesmaids' dresses
- Start compiling names and addresses for the guest list
- Set up your wedding registry

4–7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize guest list
- Shop for wedding stationery
- Arrange accommodation
- Select your wedding cake
- Begin preparations for the honeymoon
- Book a florist
- Shop for wedding bands

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out invitations
- Pick out tuxedos
- Book any rental items
- Discuss finalized menu options and costs with the caterer
- Arrange transportation/ limousine service
- Order wedding favors
- Shop for bridal party gifts
- Begin any necessary counseling sessions with the wedding officiant

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose wedding music
- Select a location for the rehearsal dinner
- Confirm order with the formal wear shop
- Schedule alterations
- Schedule fittings for the bridesmaids and flower girls
- Confirm order with your florist

1 MONTHS BEFORE

- Design the wedding programs
- Apply for a marriage license
- Have final dress fitting
- Choose all wedding accessories
- Visit hairstylist
- Visit make-up artist
- Get hair and make-up done and have formal bridal portraits taken
- Discuss and finalize details with wedding service providers

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Call any guests who have not RSVP'd
- Give caterer finalized headcount
- Pick up the marriage license
- Give DJ or band a list of songs
- Confirm rehearsal plans
- Obtain any legal information
- Complete floor and seating plan
- Confirm all rental and floral delivery dates and times
- Confirm arrival time of all attendants
- Check parking arrangements

1 WEEKS BEFORE

- Make any last-minute arrangements/adjustments
- Organize wedding day attire
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Confirm reservations for out-of-town guests
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Pack your passports
- Gather all necessary documents for travel
- Confirm rehearsal plans with attendants
- Confirm reservations for the rehearsal dinner
- Pick up formalwear

1 DAY BEFORE

- Go through the list of things to do and make sure all bases are covered
- Pack wedding day emergency kit
- Get manicure and pedicure
- Take a steamy relaxing bath
- Put wedding attire and accessories together
- Give rings to best man
- Try to get a good night's sleep
- Confirm rehearsal plans with attendants

WEDDING DAY

- Eat something - avoid sugars and caffeine
- Get hair and make-up done
- Have someone check reception site
- Dress for wedding
- Have candid photos taken with family

AFTER THE HONEYMOON

- Have your wedding gown and flowers preserved
- Write thank-you notes
- Change name



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