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# THE ESSENTIAL wedding checklist

Make sure you've got all the major wedding day elements covered with our at-a-glance tick list!

## 18 MONTHS

- \* Announce your engagement!
- \* Talk about the kind of day you'd like
- \* Choose the type of ceremony you'd like
- \* Set your budget (and start saving!)
- \* Look at venue ideas
- \* Start your fitness and diet plan – now!

## 12 MONTHS

- \* Set a wedding date
- \* Choose bridesmaids and ask them
- \* Compile a guest list
- \* Arrange the wedding licence with registrar
- \* Book the registrar and time of ceremony
- \* Start a scrapbook
- \* Book a photographer
- \* Start looking for the perfect dress!

## 9 MONTHS

- \* Visit/book your venue
- \* Book the caterer
- \* Order your dress
- \* Book the florist
- \* Order the cake
- \* Buy your stationery
- \* Think about your hair

## 6 MONTHS

- \* Book transport
- \* Choose the bridesmaids' dresses
- \* Choose men's outfits and accessories
- \* It's time to book your honeymoon – yay!
- \* Have a dress fitting
- \* Reserve hotel/B&B accommodation for your guests
- \* Find a hairdresser and make-up artist
- \* Select your readings

## 3 MONTHS

- \* Buy the wedding rings
- \* Send out invitations
- \* Choose and order the wedding favours
- \* Have a make-up trial and a hair trial
- \* Buy wedding lingerie
- \* Book your first-night accommodation
- \* Create a seating plan
- \* Think about your table decorations

## 2 MONTHS

- \* Choose the music for the ceremony and for the reception
- \* Make your gift list

- \* Confirm the menu
- \* Confirm the registry office booking
- \* Finalise your seating plan, once and for all!

- \* Have a hair and make-up 'dress' rehearsal
- \* Buy thank-you gifts for members of your wedding party

## 1 MONTH

- \* Write your vows
- \* Copy supplier contracts and give them to the venue
- \* Hold hen and stag parties – double yay!
- \* Have a final dress fitting, complete with your accessories
- \* Run through ushers' and best man's duties with them
- \* Get the uber-glow with spa treatments
- \* Organise place cards

## 2 WEEKS

- \* Pack holiday clothes, sunscreen and order travellers' cheques
- \* Talk to your photographer about must-have pics

## THE WEEK BEFORE

- \* Have a spray tan
- \* Make those final honeymoon checks
- \* Confirm times and places with your key wedding contacts
- \* Reconfirm final reception numbers with your caterer
- \* Hold a wedding rehearsal in the venue
- \* Arrange for the cake to be delivered

## THE DAY BEFORE

- \* Have both a manicure and a pedicure
- \* Help to decorate the tables and venue
- \* Have your luggage sent to the hotel
- \* Relax and have an early night!