

9 - 24 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

1. ___ ANNOUNCE YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO FRIENDS & FAMILY
2. ___ START PLANNING AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY/CELEBRATION
3. ___ DISCUSS & SET YOUR WEDDING DATE
4. ___ DISCUSS AND SET A BUDGET & DECIDE HOW EXPENSES WILL BE SHARED
5. ___ DISCUSS LEVEL OF FORMALITY, # OF GUESTS AND COLOR SCHEME
6. ___ HIRE A WEDDING CONSULTANT (optional)
7. ___ MAKE A NEAT FILE FOR CONTRACTS, FORMS, IMPORTANT PAPERS, ETC.
8. ___ SELECT YOUR BRIDAL PARTY
9. ___ SELECT READERS FOR CEREMONY (optional)
10. ___ START COMPILING AN INVITATION LIST
11. ___ ATTEND BRIDAL SHOWS/EXPOS
12. ___ TAKE AN ENGAGEMENT PHOTO
13. ___ SEND ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND PHOTO TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER(S)
14. ___ CHOOSE AND BOOK YOUR RECEPTION SITE
15. ___ HIRE A CATERER (if necessary)
16. ___ SELECT A SITE FOR THE CEREMONY
17. ___ SPEAK TO AND RESERVE AN OFFICIANT
18. ___ ORDER BRIDAL GOWN, HEADPIECE AND OTHER ACCESSORIES
19. ___ ORDER BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES & TUXEDOS
20. ___ SCHEDULE FITTINGS FOR THE BRIDE, GROOM AND BRIDAL PARTY
21. ___ SEND THANK YOU NOTES FOR ENGAGEMENT GIFTS
22. ___ CHOOSE AND HIRE A PHOTOGRAPHER
23. ___ CHOOSE AND HIRE A VIDEOGRAPHER (optional)
24. ___ CHOOSE AND HIRE A DJ/BAND/OTHER ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE RECEPTION
25. ___ CHOOSE AND HIRE CEREMONY MUSICIAN(S) (optional)