

The Wedding Checklist

12 MONTHS OR EARLIER

- Tell your parents about your decision to get married
- Announce your engagement
- Set a date for your wedding and time of ceremony
- Discuss priorities and budget finances.
- Develop a record-keeping payment plan to track your accounts.
- Open a wedding bank account.
- Hire wedding consultant/planner.
- Determine formality of ceremony & reception.
- Determine your color scheme or motif.
- Determine number of guests that will be invited
- Ask close friends and family to be in the wedding party.
- Compile a guest list (*those you need to invite - those you should invite - those you would be nice to invite*)
- Decide if you want to invite children with their parents
- Reserve your officiate.
- Begin looking for a reception site.
- Decide if you would like to have an engagement party
- Select and order your wedding rings
- Order your passport, birth certificate for your honeymoon or marriage license

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Shop for and select your wedding dress, headpiece and veil.
- Confirm delivery date of wedding dress
- Meet with maid of honor and bridesmaids and select their dresses
- Select flower girls dress, shoes and accessories
- Choose the mothers' outfits
- Shop for groom's and groomsmen's formalwear
- Book your caterer
- Select your menu
- Order your wedding cake
- Begin interviewing and book your photographer
- Book your video services
- Reserve ceremony site
- Reserve reception site
- Book your florist to begin selecting flowers.
- Book your chair covers and linens
- Book your limousine or wedding transportation service
- Book the band and or/ DJ for the reception
- Organize Master of ceremony for your Reception
- Book your musicians for ceremony
- Discuss the honeymoon plans with your fiancé.
- Begin compiling guest's names and addresses.
- Send photo and engagement announcement to local newspaper.

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Shop and order wedding stationery. (*wedding invitations, RSVP cards, thank you cards, & place cards*)
- Finalize your guest list
- Check your marriage license requirements
- Book reception entertainment and musicians
- Reserve your wedding night bridal suite
- Register for gifts. *Make sure you register with at least one national chain for out-of-town guests.*
- Book your hairdresser and makeup artist
- Plan your Wedding Day spa treatment and beautification for yourself and your bridesmaids.
- Book your honeymoon
- Arrange a pre-wedding photo shoot with your photographer