

Time Line - Check List

Sixteen to Nine Months Before

- Start a wedding folder or binder
- Pick your wedding date!
- Work out your budget
- Pick your wedding party
- Start the guest list
- Hire a planner, if desired - make sure they understand your tastes and style
- Reserve your ceremony and reception venues
- Book your officiant
- Research photographers, bands, florists, and caterers
- Throw an engagement party, if you wish - invitees should be on your wedding guest too

Eight Months Before

- Hire the photographer and the videographer
- Book the entertainment - attend gigs first
- Book a caterer
- Purchase a dress - schedule time for at least 3 fittings
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests - pick hotels at different price points
- Register - Sign up at a minimum of three retailers
- Launch a wedding website

Seven to Six Months Before

- Select and purchase invitations - consider hiring a calligrapher for addressing cards
- Start planning a honeymoon - check your passports
- Shop for bridesmaids' dresses
- Meet with the officiant
- Send save-the-date cards
- Reserve structural and electrical necessities - Portable toilets for outdoor weddings, chairs, lights
- Book a florist
- Arrange transportation - to ceremony and reception
- Start composing a day-of timeline

Five to Four Months Before

- Book the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Book on the wedding day