WEDDING TIMELINE

Congratulations on your engagement! Now it's time to get to work. Use this timeline to help you stay on track for your big day.

NOTES:

WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED

- Settle on your budget.
- Start gathering names and addresses for your guest list.
- Narrow down your potential date to two or three.
- Start a wedding workout routine if you want to slim down or get more toned.
- Research wedding venues.
- Create a wedding website. We like weddingjazz.com because it's easy-to-use, stylish and free!

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin your search for a photographer.
- Book your venue.
- Begin shopping for wedding dresses.

11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Set up an appointment with a flower designer. Come prepared with your basic flower budget.
- Book your catering company or make arrangements for in-house catering.

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize your guest list. (Note: The number of guests affects your final wedding budget).
- Set up gift registries.
- Search for an officiant.
- Search and book your band or DJ.
- Download and purchase a printable suite from MarryThis.com.

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order your gown.
- Order hair accessories.
- Order jewelry.

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose and purchase envelopes and stamps. We recommend buying postage from USPS.com to avoid waiting in line at the post office.
- Print, address and mail your Save-the-Dates.
- Book your hair and makeup (and your bridesmaids') on the big day. Set up a trial run for yourself before the big day.

5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Contact your preferred rental company for any rentals you'll need.

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose groom's attire and make necessary alterations.
- Purchase any other bridal accessories including shoes, lingerie and garter.
- Plan and book your honeymoon.

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book accommodations for your wedding night.
- Schedule and attend a cake tasting to order your wedding cake.

7 WEEKS BEFORE

- Proof, print, address and stamp your invitations.
- Finalize your menu with your caterer.

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Purchase wedding bands.
- Mail wedding invitations.
- Confirm number of bouquets, centerpieces and boutonnieres with florist.
- If alcohol is not included in your catering bill, ask about bringing in your own and do research on purchasing at a discount or from a local winery or brewery.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Get your local marriage license lined up.
- Create a wedding day schedule and pass it out to important parties.
- Give a final guest head count to the caterer.
- Confirm all vendors' arrival or delivery times on the wedding day.

2 DAYS BEFORE

- Create a wedding day schedule to hand out to members of the wedding party.

HAPPY WEDDING DAY!

- Have a trusted friend or family member distribute checks for vendors.
- Enjoy the day!