



Wedding Planning Checklist

9 to 12 months before

- Choose the wedding date
- Determine your budget
- Choose your wedding party
- Create the guest list
- Hire a wedding planner (if desired)
- Reserve ceremony and reception venues
- Book the officiant
- Order and send save the dates
- Host the engagement party

8 to 9 Months Before

- Shop for and purchase wedding gown; book fittings
- Shop for and order bridesmaids' dresses; book fittings
- Book photographer and videographer
- Book ceremony, reception and dance musicians
- Book caterer and cake baker
- Book florist
- Book wedding transportation
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms
- Register for gifts

6 to 7 Months Before

- Plan honeymoon and make reservations
- Shop for men's formal wear; book fittings
- Reserve any rental items needed (tents, chairs, lighting, sound equipment, etc.)

5 to 6 months before

- Order wedding invitations and begin addressing
- Order thank you notes for bridal shower and other gifts

4 to 5 months before

- Book rehearsal dinner venue and plan menu
- Book wedding day hair and makeup appointments

3 months before

- Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony details
- Order wedding programs
- Order other printed items: table number cards, place cards, menu cards, coasters, napkins, favors, etc.
- Finalize plans and details with all vendors

2 months before

- Mail wedding invitations
- Submit announcement to newspaper
- Purchase gifts for each other
- Purchase gifts for the wedding party and your parents

1 month before

- Mail rehearsal dinner invitations
- Get marriage license
- Create wedding day schedule for bridal party and vendors
- Write your vows

Week of the wedding

- Submit final payments to vendors
- Confirm plans and details with all vendors
- Notify caterer and venues of final guest count
- Pack for honeymoon

The wedding day

- Make sure to take a few quiet moments together
- Enjoy and make memories!