

Wedding Planning Checklist 101

Up to *One Year* before, starting _____, 20____

- Define the budget
- Hire a wedding planner
- Set the date and pick the location
- Choose the wedding party
- Determine the guest list
- Decide on wedding look and feel
- Send save-the-date cards or emails
- Design wedding website

Eight Months before, or by _____, 20____

- Research and book photographer
- Research and book videographer
- Research and book florist
- Research and book caterer (if not included at venue)
- Shop for and order wedding dress
- Research and book band or DJ
- Plan honeymoon

Four Months before, or by _____, 20____

- Shop for and order bridesmaid dresses
- Coordinate male attire
- Register for gifts
- Order invitations (and book calligrapher)
- Prepare necessary paperwork
- Reserve transportation
- Book rehearsal space
- Reserve rehearsal dinner location
- Order the cake
- Order the flowers
- Buy wedding rings

Three Months before, or by _____, 20____

- Finalize catering order
- Plan "day-of" timeline
- Write vows
- Book hairdresser
- Book makeup artist
- Order gifts for wedding party
- Order or start making favors

Two Months before, or by _____, 20____

- Address and mail invitations
- Finalize music playlist
- Finalize photo shot list
- Print programs and/or menu cards
- Prepare "day-of" emergency kit

One Month before, or by _____, 20____

- Get marriage license
- Confirm all vendors
- Final dress fitting
- Catch up on thank-you notes

Three Weeks before, or by _____, 20____

- Confirm RSVP list
- Plan reception seating

Two Weeks before, or by _____, 20____

- Pay outstanding bills.
- Prepare "day-of" checks and tip envelopes.

One Week before, or by _____, 20____

- Personal care appointments
- Pick up wedding dress
- Confirm that groom and wedding party have their outfits.
- Pack for honeymoon.
- Give instructions to transportation service(s).
- Distribute schedule and contact list.
- Double-check with all vendors.
- Give guest count to caterer by _____, 20____.
- Rehearsal and dinner
- Buy gift for your groom
- Collect special items for ceremony

For the *Bride*

- Set the Date
- Decide budget
- Interview wedding planners
- Pick ceremony site / reception venue
- Select bridesmaids and flower girls
- Make guest list and send invitations
- Plan and book honeymoon
- Pick colors
- Send save the date
- Shop for wedding dress / veil / shoes
- Book photographer / videographer
- Find florist
- Create playlist and book DJ
- Register for gifts
- Legal documents - marriage license
- Shop for bridesmaids dresses
- Book Caterer
- Book rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Pick up rings
- Cake tasting
- Pack for honeymoon
- Try not to freak out

For the *Groom*

- Tux fitting
- Choose alcohol
- Get haircut
- Show up