



Pre-Wedding Timeline & Checklist for Bridesmaids

(WEDDING DATE: / /)

10-12 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

AFTER you're asked to join the wedding party...

- Send a congratulations/engagement card to bride (for her scrapbook or keepsake box)
- MAID OF HONOR:** make a planning notebook for the bride ([download](#))
- MAID OF HONOR:** gather info for bridesmaid contact list ([download](#)) – share with bridesmaids
- Buy engagement gift and attend engagement party
- Offer to help bride look at venues for ceremony & reception
- MAID OF HONOR:** Ask bride about her “vision” for bridesmaids’ dresses – consider bridesmaids’ build & budget

8-10 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

- Get to know the other bridesmaids (send introductory e-mail, schedule a casual get-together, etc.)
- Attend wedding shows & expos with the bride
- Accompany bride for wedding dress & bridesmaid dress shopping

6-8 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

- Have your measurements taken by a professional tailor/seamstress
- Send bride your professional measurements for bridesmaid’s dress
- Ask bride about any accessories you must buy (shoes, jewelry, pashmina/wraps)
- Inquire with bride about making hotel accommodations

4-6 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

- Be her “registry representative” and let invitees know where the couple is registered
- MAID OF HONOR:** Coordinate with bridesmaids and begin planning bridal shower

2-4 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

- Offer to help bride stuff, address and puts stamps on invitations
- MAID OF HONOR:** Coordinate with bridesmaids and begin planning bachelorette party
- Make appointment for first bridesmaid’s dress fitting (bring chosen shoes & undergarments)
- Host & pay for bridal shower
- Buy wedding present for bride & groom and have it shipped to them
- Buy shower gift

1-2 MONTHS (dates: / / through / /)

- Make appointment for final bridesmaid’s dress fitting (bring chosen shoes & undergarments)
- Host & pay for bachelorette party
- Offer to help bride organize favors
- Offer to help bride with seating chart (if you know many of the guests)

3 WEEKS (date: / /)

- Pick up bridesmaid’s dress after final alterations
- Start planning a toast for rehearsal dinner or reception
- Offer to help bride create bags or baskets for the hotel rooms of out-of-town guests
- MAID OF HONOR:** Confirm wedding weekend checklist with bride ([download list now](#))
- MAID OF HONOR:** Distribute wedding weekend checklist to bridesmaids

2 WEEKS (date: / /)

- MAID OF HONOR:** Prepare bridesmaid emergency kit ([download list](#))

1 WEEK (date: / /)

- Gather items to pack for wedding ([download list](#))
- Scuff bottoms of new shoes so they're not slippery
- MAID OF HONOR:** coordinate with bride & inform bridesmaids when/where to meet for rehearsal
- MAID OF HONOR:** delegate pre-ceremony snacks & drinks for bridesmaids ([download list](#))