

Wedding Planning Checklist

Good planning is essential when it comes to your wedding. With our printable wedding planning checklist, you can easily keep track of everything you need to do before your special day:

1 year to 6 months prior:

- Announce the engagement to friends and family
- Choose a wedding date
- Announce the engagement in your local paper
- Decide whether you want an indoor wedding or outdoor wedding
- Select the colors, theme, and details of your wedding
- Choose and book a location and officiant for your wedding
- Choose and book your reception location
- Select the caterer and choose a wedding cake
- Choose a florist and start planning your wedding flowers
- Book the musical entertainment and master of ceremonies
- Find a photographer and/or videographer
- Write your guest list
- Make a bridal registry
- Decide on bridesmaids
- Choose the remainder of the wedding party
- Start shopping for your wedding dress and bridesmaids dresses
- Begin thinking about your preferred honeymoon location

6 months to 3 months prior:

- Finalize your guest list
- Choose your invitations

- Mail invitations
- Purchase the wedding gown and veil
- Purchase the bridesmaids dresses
- Purchase or arrange for rental of groom and groomsmen tuxedos
- Book your honeymoon destination
- Plan the rehearsal dinner
- Arrange transportation to and from the wedding and reception
- 3 months to 1 month prior:
- Obtain the marriage license
- Purchase the wedding rings
- Have the mothers of the bride and groom choose their dresses
- Confirm all catering, floral, and travel details
- Create your wedding programs
- Schedule the bridesmaids' lunch
- Plan and invite everyone to the rehearsal dinner

1 month to two weeks prior:

- Plan makeup and hairstyling, book professional stylists if desired
- The bride should buy a gift for the groom
- The groom should buy a gift for the bride
- Purchase wedding accessories like favors and place cards
- Finalize all music with the DJ or entertainment provider

2 weeks ahead

- Finalize all details with the caterer and give an updated guest count
- Confirm all plans with your florist
- Obtain the tickets for your honeymoon and

1 week ahead

- Pack for your honeymoon
- Give the wedding party their gifts
- Hold the rehearsal dinner
- Attend bachelor/bachelorette party

Day before

- Relax with family and friends
- Get wedding manicure
- The bride should stay with loved ones and retire early

Your Wedding Day

- Stay calm!
- Enjoy a healthy breakfast
- Visit makeup artist and hairdresser
- Get dressed for your wedding
- Savor every wonderful moment of your special day!

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