



Wedding Planning Timeline

One Year Prior

Announcement of your engagement.

Determine the style of your wedding, the wedding formality and the colors of your wedding.

Set a tentative date for your wedding. This date may change depending on the availability of venue and vendors.

Decide on your budget. It is best to know how much you have to spend before you start talking to vendors. You may also consider hiring a bridal consultant to help with your plans.

Shop for engagement and wedding rings.

Prepare your guest list so you can calculate the size of your wedding.

Determine the site of the ceremony and reception. Contact to schedule a meeting and availability. Secure dates for both with a deposit.

Choose and reserve your officiant.

Decide on a caterer. Some venues require you to use their catering services.

Select the location for your rehearsal dinner, and find out the officiant's schedule for determining the date.

Start shopping for your dress as it may take several months for the dress to arrive. Once you decide on a dress, schedule your fittings and delivery dates.

Select bridesmaids' gowns.

Collect information on wedding vendors. Book photographers and videographers early as they may not be available if you wait.

Begin your search for transportation, flowers, rentals and stationary.

Speak with a travel agent about honeymoon destinations. Update passports and vaccinations.

Nine Months Prior

Finalize the guest list and get addresses.

Determine a bridal registry. Register your gifts.

Select and order groom's/groomsmen's/usher's attire. You will need to decide whether you want to rent or purchase. Schedule fittings and delivery date.

Finalize all vendors. Reserve date with deposits.

Schedule your engagement session with photographer.

Decide on your honeymoon plans.

Choose and order invitations.

Six Months Prior

Time to prepare all maps and directions to the ceremony and reception locations.

Schedule to meet with your florist and determine arrangements for bouquets, ceremonial and reception flowers.

Touch base with your wedding vendors to finalize orders and reservations.

Plan bridesmaids' luncheon and other parties.

Order your wedding cake.

Research marriage license and blood test needs.

Coordinate attire for parents.

Four Months Prior

Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests.

Address and mail your invitations.

Arrange final dress fittings.

Purchase guest book.

Order wedding favors, bridal party gifts and wedding accessories (glasses, cake knife, ring pillow, etc.)



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Two Months Prior

Schedule an appointment with a salon to discuss hair styles, pre-wedding cuts, color, perms, manicures, pedicures, spa treatments, etc.

Decide on a makeup artist. Schedule a trial.

Gather and organize your RSVPs as they arrive.

Finalize last-minute dress fittings.

Purchase bridal party gifts and fiancé gift.

Now is a good time to identify the person who will assist with overseeing the events of the day, if you decide not to have a wedding planner do this. This person will interact with the vendors and make sure everyone is available for photos.

One Month Prior

Confirm and finalize all ceremony and reception plans.

Finalize the rehearsal dinner.

Review song list and requests with DJ or band.

Prepare must-have list of photos for photographer.

Confirm when final vendor payments are due.

Create seating arrangement chart for reception.

Trial run with hairstylist and makeup artist.

Schedule date for both of you to get marriage license and blood tests.

Research and prepare for name and address changes.

2 to 3 Weeks Prior

Pick up wedding rings.

Confirm arrival times of vendors.

Confirm hotel arrangements for out-of-town guests.

Schedule final gown fitting.

Make a 'Day of Schedule' and give to groom, bridal party, and wedding-day assistant.

1 Week Prior

Final guest count should be given to caterer.

Pack your honeymoon bags. Make sure passport and vaccination papers are with them.

Final fittings for groom and groomsmen.

Coordinate with your wedding-day assistant to have help available for post-wedding activities. Make arrangements to have wedding gifts delivered to your new home.

1 to 2 Days Prior

Get manicure and pedicure.

Confirm flight arrangements for honeymoon.

Prepare payment envelopes for vendors. Give envelopes and marriage license to wedding assistant.

Arrange for transportation after the reception.

Prep bridal emergency kit for wedding day – stockings, sewing kit, safety pins, etc.

Prepare phone list of vendors for wedding assistant.

Attend rehearsal dinner. Give gifts to your wedding party, family.

The Wedding Day!

Get hair and makeup done early.

Drink plenty of fluids to keep hydrated. Eat throughout the day.

Enjoy the day!