

PLANNING *checklist*

IMMEDIATELY UPON ENGAGEMENT:

- ☐ Start gathering inspiration (Pinterest is a great resource!)
- ☐ Start a wedding folder or binder.
- ☐ Create a wedding-only email address.
- ☐ Plan your budget.
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner if your budget allows.
- ☐ Create a wedding website.
- ☐ Book your venue.
- ☐ Buy wedding insurance, if desired.

10-12 MONTHS BEFORE:

- ☐ Select your bridal party.
- ☐ Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Hire photographer and videographer.
- ☐ Book entertainment (dj/ band, ceremony music, photo booth, etc.)
- ☐ Reserve decor/ rentals.
- ☐ Hire a florist.
- ☐ Shop for your gown.
- ☐ Order Save-the-Dates.

8-9 MONTHS BEFORE:

- ☐ Schedule your engagement session.
- ☐ Hire hair & make-up artists for the big day.
- ☐ Start the guest list.
- ☐ Hire a wedding ceremony officiant, if necessary.
- ☐ Hire a cake/ dessert maker.
- ☐ Create wedding registries.

6-7 MONTHS BEFORE:

- ☐ Select bridesmaid, flower girl, junior bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Select attire for groom, groomsmen, ushers, etc.
- ☐ Send out Save-the-Dates.
- ☐ Hire wedding day transportation (shuttle, limo, party bus, etc.).
- ☐ Plan for getting-ready locations.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research honeymoon ideas and meet with travel agent. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select and reserve a location for your rehearsal dinner. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send bridal shower guest list to the host(s). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send the bachelorette party guest list to the maid-of-honor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Begin pre-marital counseling. |
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4-5 MONTHS BEFORE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Order wedding stationery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule your tasting with the caterer/ venue. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order your wedding favors. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase your flower girl, ring bearer, cake-cutting, and guest book accessories. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with the officiant to plan out ceremony. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get or renew passports (If traveling out of the country) |
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3 MONTHS BEFORE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your music (ceremony selections, first dances, what to play during dinner). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order gifts for your wedding party. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create wedding day timeline (with help of photographer and wedding planner). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of those to give toasts and ask if they're willing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize ceremony readings (Including whom you wish to do the readings) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase dress necessities and attend second fitting. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase wedding rings (Add to insurance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book wedding night hotel room |
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2 MONTHS BEFORE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Order ceremony programs, menu cards, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create reception timeline (with help of dj and wedding planner). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a boudoir session with your photographer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order thank you cards. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with photographer to discuss day-of plans. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send out invitations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for dance lessons. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touch base with bridal party on dresses/ suits. |
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1 MONTHS BEFORE:

- ☐ Attend final dress fitting with veil, shoes, accessories.
- ☐ Send out rehearsal dinner invitations.
- ☐ Meet for trial session with hair/ make-up artists.
- ☐ Confirm guest count with vendors.
- ☐ Submit change of address information to the post office.
- ☐ Get your marriage license.
- ☐ Finalize seating chart.
- ☐ Break in your wedding shoes.
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans.
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ONE WEEK BEFORE:

- ☐ Prepare tip and payment envelopes for vendors.
- ☐ Confirm times with all vendors.
- ☐ Assemble your wedding day emergency kit.
- ☐ Create escort cards or seating board.
- ☐ Assemble wedding party gifts.
- ☐ Write vows, if necessary.
- ☐ Get your hair cut and colored, if desired.
- ☐ Send the timeline to everyone in the bridal party and all vendors.
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Delegate small wedding day tasks.
- ☐ Assemble your wedding bathroom baskets and hotel welcome baskets, if necessary.
- ☐ Pack for the night before/ day-of/ wedding night/ day after
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Get lots of rest.