



Ultimate Wedding Checklist

6-12 Months

- Discuss the budget and who will pay for what
- Choose the kind of wedding you will have – theme, date, and time
- Look at reception locations and reserve the reception location
- Reserve the wedding location (speak with officiant/clergy, find out church/synagogue requirements)
- Choose the honored roles – bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, flower girl, ring bearer
- Discuss the guest list with fiancé and families
- Discuss honeymoon and reservations
- Develop an organization system for contracts, ideas, photos, invitations, gifts, and thank-you letters
- Choose and purchase your wedding rings
- Start looking for a wedding gown, veil, accessories and your attendant's attire
- Start customizing and looking at invitations
- Begin to send out save-the-date cards
- Select your photographer, florist, caterer, and/or videographer
- Sign up for your gift registry

4-5 Months

- Place wedding announcement in the local newspaper
- Order wedding stationary (invitations, envelopes, programs)
- Start shopping for the bridal party's attire
- Book limo/transportation
- Finalize arrangements with your florist
- Select wedding cake
- Start planning wedding decorations
- Decide on wedding favors (have favors to go with your theme, or contributions to a charity)
- Finalize your guest list
- Set time, date, and location for rehearsal dinner
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Select and book honeymoon night suite

2-3 Months

- Order your wedding cake
- Buy the cake knife, guest book, toasting glasses and garter
- Choose gifts for bridal party, parents, helpers
- Start addressing and sending out the invitations
- Customize your wedding vows, if you plan to do them yourself
- Check state/county marriage license requirements
- Plan ceremony, reception, menus, music
- Go on trials and book wedding day hair and makeup, bring your headpiece (veil)
- Plan reception seating
- Begin putting together your ceremony program

1 Month before the Wedding

- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Meet with your photographer and videographer for last minute details
- Maintain a record of RSVP's
- Pick up marriage license
- Confirm all final payment amounts, dates, and times with vendors
- Select ceremony readers
- Select ushers to seat your guests
- Mail invitations to rehearsal dinner
- Select your something old, new, borrowed, and blue

2 Weeks

- Write seating cards and place cards for the reception
- Call guests who have not yet responded to wedding and rehearsal dinner invitations
- Compose reception toasts
- Final fittings for yourself and bridesmaids
- Make a wedding day itinerary
- Pick up wedding rings
- Give photographer a photo checklist
- Give musicians a list of your music selection
- Pick up honeymoon tickets

1 Week

- Give reception venue/caterer final number of guests
- Pick up men's formalwear and your wedding gown
- Pack for honeymoon and wedding night
- Confirm honeymoon travel arrangements
- Clean engagement ring
- Arrange mail collection and pet care for while you are on honeymoon
- Remind wedding party and families what time they need to show up for rehearsal

1 Day before the wedding

- Attend rehearsal
- Drop all wedding accessories and décor off at ceremony and reception locations
- Confirm wedding day transportation
- Get a manicure and pedicure
- Put out everything you need for tomorrow (marriage license, dress, shoes, accessories, etc.)
- Remind wedding party and immediate families what time they need to show up for pictures
- Speak with everyone in the wedding party and make sure they know where to be at what time
- Go to bed at a reasonable time and try to get some sleep

Wedding Day

- Show up on time for hair and makeup appointments
- Get dressed
- Switch engagement ring to your right hand before the ceremony
- Make sure the Maid of Honor has the groom's ring and Best Man has bride's ring
- Spend a moment alone to calm down before the ceremony
- Look yourself in the mirror and smile!