



Wedding Planning CHECKLIST



ONE YEAR BEFORE

- Get inspired! Visit online wedding blogs to gather ideas that you'd like to incorporate into your own day
- Choose a color palette
- Work out your budget with your partner
- Select your wedding party
- Start creating your guest list
- Reserve your date at your dream venue
- Hire a planner
- Research photographers, officiants, live music, Djs, caterers, florists, rentals, etc.

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hire your photographer + videographer
- Take your engagement photos
- Buy your dress
- Create a wedding website
- Meet with your caterers
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Create a registry and include this information on your website
- Book your celebrant

6-7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Purchase your invitations
- Finalise your guest list and request addresses
- Start planning your honeymoon
- Choose bridesmaid dresses
- Reserve rentals (tents, linens, chairs, tables, lighting, etc.)
- Book your florist
- Book your hair and makeup artists
- Arrange transportation for the night
- Send out save-the-date cards

4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Time to order your cake. Go cake tasting!
- Send your bridal shower guest list to your host
- Check on the status of your invitations
- Book the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner venues
- Choose music (processional, recessional, first dance, etc.)
- Go to your first dress fitting
- Purchase/rent groom's attire
- Book accomodations for your wedding night
- Provide guest lists to maid of honor and best man for bachelor and bachelorette parties

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Work with your caterer to finalise the menu for the cocktail hour + reception
- Print menu cards
- Meet with your florist to finalise the florals
- Purchase the rings
- Finalise the event schedule and start creating timeline
- Print programs
- Order your wedding favors
- Meet with your officiant and go over the ceremony outline

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Meet with your photographer to discuss day-of plans along with any specific family portraits/couple portraits you want
- Review the music playlist with the band and dj
- Send out invitations
- Submit your announcement to the local newspaper
- Let loose at your bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Send out as many final payments as you can
- Touch base with all vendors
- Make sure groomsmen attire has been purchased/rented

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1 MONTH BEFORE

- Get your marriage license
- Attend your last dress fitting
- Send out rehearsal-dinner invitations
- Purchase alcohol and finalise signature cocktails if needed
- Confirm arrival and departure times for all vendors and send out your day-of-timeline to vendors
- Create your seating chart for the reception, if needed
- Purchase wedding party gifts
- Write your vows
- Enter all rsvps you have received into your guest list
- Check on hotel room bookings
- Call guests who have not rsvp'd for final head count
- Make sure members of the wedding party know their roles and duties come the wedding day

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Touch base with all vendors one last time
- Outsource any small day-of tasks to friends and family
- Ensure everyone in your family and wedding party has your day-of timeline
- De-stress and do something fun and relaxing (Spa day? Hiking?)
- Send the final guest list to the caterer
- Have extra checks ready for day-of payments
- Dance around in your wedding shoes to break them in
- Pack for your honeymoon
- Go on one last date night with your partner before the big day

DAY OF WEDDING

- Make sure you have a good breakfast, and plan snacks for during the day while you are getting ready
- Nominate someone to deal with any last minute questions from wedding vendors
- Get someone with a loud voice and great organisational skills to corral people for the family photos

TIPS FOR GREAT WEDDING PHOTOS

- Try and choose a light and airy place to get ready (boys and girls) and keep the mess out of the rooms you'll be getting ready (and photographed) in
- Consider ordering a spare buttonhole for the groom, in case his gets squashed during hugs and congrats.
- Bring wet wipes for getting the guests make up off the grooms shoulder!
- Think carefully about where you position your wedding cake, try and choose an attractive background with good natural light
- Allocate 10-15 minutes around dessert time for a sneaky sunset portrait session, you wont regret it!

AFTER WEDDING

- Pay any remaining balances to vendors
- Clean and preserve your wedding gown
- Enjoy your honeymoon!!!
- Write "thank you" cards
- Officially change your name (this is totally optional!)
- Complete your registry
- Order prints and albums from your photographer

