

Wedding Planning Checklist

To help you in planning the most important day of your life

1 year before the wedding:

- Announce the engagement to friends and family
- Choose a wedding date and time
- Discuss the budget and who will pay for what
- Decide whether you want an indoor or outdoor wedding
- Announce your engagement in your local paper
- Select the colors, theme and detail of your wedding
- Choose and book a location and officiant for your wedding
- Choose and book your reception location
- Decide on bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers and others
- Discuss the honeymoon and reservations
- Choose a wedding dress, veil and accessories
- Choose and book a DJ/band/musician

6 months before the wedding:

- Order wedding dress and attendant's dresses
- Purchase or arrange for groom's and groomsmen tuxedos
- Finalize the Guest List
- Finalize the Honeymoon plans
- Order your Wedding Invitations
- Select and order the flowers
- Register for Wedding and Shower Gifts
- Have the parents choose their wedding attire
- Arrange for transportation to and from the wedding and reception
- Choose and book a DJ/band/musician

3 months before the wedding:

- Order or start making favors
- Choose and order a Wedding Cake
- Plan a Rehearsal Dinner
- Plan and arrange your Bridal Shower
- Confirm all catering, floral and travel plans
- Purchase Wedding Bands
- Address your Wedding Invitations

2 months before the wedding:

- Send out your invitations
- Schedule Final Gown fitting
- Schedule Formal Portrait
- Order wedding and groom's cake
- Obtain the marriage license
- Purchase gifts for the attendants
- Book your hairstylist and/or makeup artist, if you're using them.
- Change your name on the necessary documents
- Purchase wedding accessories like place cards, napkins

1 month before the wedding:

- Create welcome baskets or bags for out of town guests
- Change your name on the necessary documents
- Notify the wedding party the rehearsal time and date
- Write Thank you notes as you receive gifts
- Purchase wedding accessories like place cards, napkins and programs

1 to 2 weeks before the wedding:

- Arrange seating plan and write out place cards
- Give your final count to your caterer and confirm any last minute details
- Try on your wedding shoes and break them in
- Arrange for a pet sitter/house sitter while you are on your honeymoon
- Finalize all music with the DJ/band/musician
- Finalize all plans with the florist
- Attend bachelor/bachelorette party if having one
- Pack for the honeymoon

The day before the wedding:

- Give the wedding party their gifts
- Hold the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Relax with family and friends
- Get a manicure and/or pedicure
- Stay with loved ones and go to bed early

The Wedding Day!!!

- STAY CALM!!!
- Enjoy a healthy breakfast
- Visit the makeup and hairdresser
- Get dressed
- Congratulations! Enjoy your special day!