

Wedding Planning Timeline

"Organization is the cornerstone for planning a great wedding."

My Wedding Date ___/___/___

12 Months Before:

- Select your wedding date and time.____
- Begin search for Banquet facility or caterer. X
- Reserve the date and time for your wedding.____
- Determine the style of wedding you want.____
- Set a preliminary budget and determine what financial assistance your family will provide.____
- Decide if you want, and then Interview and select a wedding planner.____
- Determine the approximate size of your guest list.____
- Begin to think about who you would like as your best man, groomsmen, bridal attendants, etc.____
- Draw up a provisional guest list.____
- Begin search and select a location for your reception and reserve a date.____
- Select and book your caterer, photographer, videographer, baker, entertainment, florist, musicians, DJ etc.____
- Select and book transportation.____
- Begin shopping for your wedding gown and headpiece.____
- Select your wedding colors and keep color swatch for florist.____
- Begin shopping for bridesmaids' dresses.____

9 Months Before:

- Place engagement announcement in your local paper.____
- Begin your bridal registries.____
- Select Groomsmen, ushers, best man.____
- Select wedding attendants, flower girl, maid/matron of honor.____
- Begin shopping for men's formal wear.____
- Block hotel rooms for out of town guests.____

6 Months Before:

- Complete guest list.____
- Confirm status of bridesmaids' dresses and bride's gown.____
- Confirm your state's marriage license requirements.____
- Select and order guest favors.____
- Choose/order invitations and personal stationery.____

3 Months Before:

- The wedding gown should be purchased, the style for the groom's suit chosen and the suit itself booked/purchased.____
- Decide on gifts for the wedding party.____
- Select and reserve men's formal wear.____
- Select location for the rehearsal dinner.____
- Prepare maps to ceremony and reception sites for guests.____
- Begin addressing invitations and announcements.____
- Mail invitations to out-of-town guests 12 weeks prior to wedding.____
- Mail other invitations 8 weeks prior to wedding. ____
- Check the RSVPs from guests and keep a list of numbers attending.____
- Purchase accessories (ring bearer pillow, garter, toasting goblets etc.)____
- Book practice run with hair dresser and make up artist.____
- Book hair appointment for wedding day.____

1 Month Before:

- Get marriage license. ____
- Final fitting for bride and bridesmaids.____
- Formal bridal portrait taken.____
- Arrange for gown, bouquet and cake preservation.____
- Prepare to attend showers. ____
- Have rings sized.____

2 Weeks Before:

- Contact guests who did not RSVP.____
- Pick up rings.____
- Visit florist, if appropriate, to have detailing of flowers finalized.____
- Re-confirm all arrangements, e.g. honeymoon, photographer, limousine, etc.____
- Final meeting with all wedding vendors; provide details and timelines.____
- Write thank you notes for shower and wedding gifts already received.____
- Prepare place cards according the assigned seating chart.____
- Confirm with attendants, best man and mother of the bride (or friends, etc) things that must be done after the wedding and decide who is doing what.____

1 Week Before:

- Don't panic! Your 99% done.____
- Insure that the wedding party picks up their attire.____
- Final count to caterer or banquet facility and confirm seating arrangements.____
- Final checks on all arrangements.____
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements. ____
- Pick up tickets and travelers checks.____
- Assign tasks to wedding party. ____
- Prepare for honeymoon.____
- Relaxing day with bridesmaids, family and/or mothers.____
- Get a few good nights of sleep and relax.____

"We know this day is very important to you and we will do our best to make it memorable."

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