

WEDDING CHECKLIST



Monthly Planner

9-12 months before

- Announce your engagement
- Arrange for parents to get together
- Decide a date
- Discuss your budget with everyone who'll be contributing to the event
- Interview wedding planners, if using one
- Pick the ceremony site and meet the officiate
- Work on the guest list to get a rough head count
- Visit reception sites and reserve one
- Shop for your gown

6-9 months before

- Choose your wedding party
- Select a caterer
- Enroll in a bridal-gift registry
- Order your wedding gown
- Shop for bridal attendants' dresses
- Pick a photographer and/or a videographer
- Hire a florist
- Book the musicians and/or DJ
- Start researching honeymoon spots
- Mail save-the-dates, especially if you are having a destination or holiday-weekend wedding

4-6 months before

- Order wedding stationary
- Shop for the wedding cake
- Book your favorite beauty pros for the big day
- Scout accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Complete the guest list
- Start planning honeymoon
- Arrange rehearsal dinner

2-4 months before

- Call the county clerk's office to find out about marriage-license requirements
- Order the tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen
- Meet the caterer or banquet manager to discuss menus, service style, wine selection, etc.
- Order the wedding cake
- Select ceremony and reception music
- Buy thank-you gifts for your attendants
- Choose favors and welcome baskets
- Shop for and order your wedding bands
- Meet with party-rental companies, if necessary
- Book a room for your wedding night

4-8 weeks before

- Mail invitations 6 weeks ahead of the wedding date
- Do a hair and makeup run-through (with hairpiece)

2-4 weeks before

- Plot the seating for the reception
- Confirm the details with the photographer, florist, etc.
- Have your final dress fitting
- Write your rehearsal-dinner toast

1 week before

- Place the fees due on the wedding day in envelopes
- Give the caterer a final head count
- Appoint a reliable pal to transport the cake knife, toasting glasses or other heirlooms to and from the reception site
- Get final beauty treatments (facial, waxing, etc.)
- Pack for the honeymoon

