

Wedding Planning Checklist

12-18 Months Before the Wedding:

1. **Set the Date:**
 - a. Choose a tentative wedding date.
2. **Create a Budget:**
 - a. Determine the overall budget for the wedding.
3. **Draft Guest List:**
 - a. Create a preliminary guest list to estimate the size of the event.
4. **Choose Wedding Party:**
 - a. Select bridesmaids, groomsmen, and other important members.
5. **Research Venues:**
 - a. Book with US! Columbia River Ranch!
6. **Hire a Wedding Planner:**
 - a. Decide whether you need professional assistance and hire a wedding planner if necessary.

10-12 Months Before:

1. **Book Venue and Vendors:**
 - a. Finalize and book the ceremony and reception venues.
 - b. Book key vendors such as photographer, videographer, florist, DJ or band and caterer.
2. **Start Dress Shopping:**
 - a. Begin looking for and trying on wedding dresses.
3. **Create Wedding Website:**
 - a. Set up a wedding website with details about the couple, the event, and RSVP options.
4. **Send Save-the-Dates:**
 - a. Send out save-the-date cards to guests.

6-9 Months Before:

1. **Choose Wedding Attire:**
 - a. Select and order wedding attire for the bride, groom, and wedding party.
2. **Plan Honeymoon:**
 - a. Research and book your honeymoon destination.
3. **Select Decor and Theme:**
 - a. Choose a wedding theme and begin planning decor elements.
4. **Finalize Guest List:**
 - a. Confirm the guest list and gather contact information.

4-6 Months Before:

1. **Order Invitations:**
 - a. Design and order wedding invitations.
2. **Plan Transportation:**
 - a. Arrange transportation for the wedding day.
3. **Choose Wedding Rings:**
 - a. Select and purchase wedding bands.
4. **Plan Rehearsal Dinner:**
 - a. Arrange details for the rehearsal dinner.



2-4 Months Before:

1. **Send Invitations:**
 - a. Mail out wedding invitations.
2. **Purchase Favors and Gifts:**
 - a. Buy gifts for the wedding party and decide on guest favors.
3. **Finalize Menu:**
 - a. Confirm the menu with the caterer.
4. **Meet with Officiant:**
 - a. Discuss the ceremony details with the officiant.

1-2 Months Before:

1. **Finalize Details:**
 - a. Confirm all details with vendors and the venue.
2. **Obtain Marriage License:**
 - a. Apply and obtain the marriage license.
3. **Create Seating Chart:**
 - a. Finalize the seating arrangement for the reception.
4. **Plan Photography Shots:**
 - a. Discuss specific photo requests with the photographer.

2 Weeks Before:

1. **Confirm Details:**
 - a. Confirm final details with all vendors.
2. **Pack for Honeymoon:**
 - a. Begin packing for the honeymoon.
3. **Rehearsal:**
 - a. Attend the wedding rehearsal.

1 Week Before:

1. **Finalize Payments:**
 - a. Confirm final payments with vendors.
2. **Delegate Responsibilities:**
 - a. Assign wedding day tasks to trustworthy individuals.
3. **Beauty Appointments:**
 - a. Schedule any necessary beauty appointments.

Wedding Day

1. **Get Married:**
 - a. Enjoy your special day!
2. **Post-Wedding Tasks:**
 - a. Send thank-you notes to guests.
 - b. Review and settle vendor payments.
 - c. Update name and contact information if applicable.

After the Wedding:

1. **Preserve Memories:**
 - a. Preserve and store wedding dress and other mementos.
2. **Send Thank-You Notes:**
 - a. Send thank-you notes to everyone who contributed to the wedding.
3. **Update Documents:**
 - a. Update legal documents with new name or address if applicable.
4. **Reflect and Relax:**
 - a. Take time to reflect on the wedding and enjoy the newlywed phase