

# WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

## 12+ months

By 12 months I would expect this checklist list to be ticked off.

- Set the date (consider the flowers you want and if they're in season on your wedding day)  
***If you like Peonies, then a June wedding is perfect!***
- Write guest list (a venue need approximate numbers to book you) this helps decide on the type of venue
- Book your venue(s). ***Looking at rural locations? An exclusive hire venue that hosts ceremonies and receptions would work. If you're thinking of a city wedding then you are spoilt for choice on having a different location for your ceremony and reception. DO NOT BOOK SUPPLIERS UNTIL YOU HAVE A DATE AND VENUE***
- If not included in your venue package, source catering
- Choose your Bridal party members - Bridesmaid/men, Flower Girl/Boy, Maid/Man of Honour, Best Man/Woman, Ushers. ***Choosing your bridal party early in your planning journey helps as you can delegate tasks to take the load off you.***
- Start creating a moodboard of colours, designs, styles and themes that you like . ***Pinterest is a great source of inspiration. Get pinning!*** Having a moodboard helps when you're ready to book stylists, florists and venue dressers
- Book **Somerset Blooms** for your fresh flowers and styling if you want romantic and natural floral designs.
- Book Photographer/Videographer (reach out to ones that exhibit work inline with your desired aesthetics)
- Book your honeymoon (make sure your passport is in date!)



# WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

## 9+ months

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- Give your notice of marriage and book your registrar (***must be done within 12 months of your wedding day***)
- Book transport ***but first check if you can stay at the venue the night before.***
- Time to secure your hair and make-up. ***You can use your trial for your hen do too!***
- Plan entertainment - DJ, violinist, string quartet, acoustic artist - attend venues where your preferred artists are playing to hear what they're like first hand.
- Wedding dress shopping! Be mindful of bridesmaid and/or bride pregnancies as the dress will need to cater for the bump, consider weight-loss and weight-gain and also the time of year you're getting married. ***A strapless dress for a Winter wedding in a chilly venue won't be comfortable.***
- Start shopping wedding cakes - we do cake flowers and cake flower meadows too!
- Buy Groom and Groomsmen/women outfits and ***if you're hiring your suits you will want to wear magnetic buttonholes so as not to puncture a hole in the lapel BUT people with pacemakers must NOT wear a magnetic buttonhole!***
- Choose wedding rings. Take into consideration changes in your body size - when I was pregnant my hands did swell!
- Book your stationer and prepare your invites



# WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

## 3+ months

By 3 months I would expect this checklist list to be ticked off.

- Plan in your final dress fittings and alterations (if required)
- Skin and haircare regime starts - speak with your beautician/HMUA for advice
- Buy 'Thank you' gifts for your bridal party - ***gift bouquets from Somerset Blooms are a perfect way to appreciate their support***
- ***Hen and Stag do time!***
- ***Pay final balances to your suppliers and receive confirmations from them all of your order. Final check through all the finer details, logistics and set-up times.***
- Final meeting with your venue co-ordinator regarding numbers, menu etc
- Finalise seating plan as you should have your RSVP's back by now. ***Contact your venue and stationer with any changes to your guest list/seating plan***
- Wear your new wedding shoes in.
- Choose your wedding favors, our selection is fantastic and we offer discounts if you book your wedding flowers with us!

Every wedding is different and not all tasks will be relevant for you, alternatively there may be elements to your upcoming wedding that isn't on this list. But it's a great starting point right?

