

WEDDING CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE

13 MONTHS BEFORE

- Announce your engagement
- Start a favorites board
- Discover your wedding style
- Talk with partner and family about financials
- Research wedding costs in your area
- Start your wedding budget
- Decide if you want to hire a planner or day-of coordinator
- Choose wedding colors
- Consider wedding traditions to include
- Figure out a budget for major categories
- Have an engagement party
- Decide on location and season
- Will you have a destination wedding?
- Start your guest list
- Start venue search
- Track your wedding budget
- Do you need an officiant?

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12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Narrow venue search
- Estimate your guest count
- Research ceremony sites
- Schedule venue tours
- Choose a theme
- Book your reception venue
- Schedule ceremony site tours

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11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create your wedding website
- Browse invitation suites
- Discover dress style
- Book your ceremony site
- Order save-the-date samples
- Block out hotel rooms for guests

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10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research photographers
- Book your wedding night hotel
- Research caterers
- Choose your wedding party
- Meet with photographers
- Meet with caterers and bartenders
- Finish guestlist
- Order save-the-dates
- Schedule fittings
- Book your photographer
- Book your caterer
- Book your bar services

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9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Schedule engagement photos
- Order invitation samples
- Start your wedding registry and add some gifts
- Sync gifts from other stores on your gift registry on The Knot
- Create a cash fund
- Send your save-the-dates

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8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Buy your wedding attire
- Have your partner buy their attire
- Research florists
- Browse and save cake photos to your favorites board
- Research DJs
- Research wedding bands
- Meet with florists
- Browse and save floral inspiration photos to your favorites board
- Research cake bakers
- Research officiants
- Meet with DJs
- Meet with wedding bands
- Book your florist
- Will you have a wedding shower?
- Decide on bouquets
- Decide on additional boutonnieres and corsages
- Research videographers
- Meet with cake bakers
- Will you have a rehearsal dinner?
- Outline floral needs

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7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your band or DJ
- Meet with cocktail hour musicians
- Meet with officiants
- Meet with videographers
- List potential honeymoon options
- Consider premarital counseling
- Book your cake baker
- Book your videographer
- Research ceremony musicians
- Will you have a day-after brunch?
- Book ceremony musicians
- Research rehearsal dinner venues
- Choose wedding party attire

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6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Meet with ceremony musicians
- Schedule rehearsal dinner venue tours
- Will you have a photobooth?
- Meet with rental and lighting pros
- Book your cocktail hour musicians
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Save hair and makeup photos
- Will you change your name?
- Order rentals

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5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Buy rehearsal dinner invites
- Book honeymoon travel
- Add location and photo on your wedding website
- Meet with hairstylists
- Book your officiant
- List reception extras to buy
- Add gifts to your wedding registry
- Meet with makeup artists
- List out wedding ring options
- Make a transportation plan
- Shop for wedding rings

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4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order your invitations
- Meet with transportation companies
- List ceremony extras to buy
- Decide on your ceremony decorations
- Buy reception extras
- Order your wedding rings
- Book transportation
- Buy stamps for your invites
- Arrange for guest shuttle or parking
- Buy wedding favors
- List gifts you need to buy

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3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Address your invites
- Buy toss extras for your exit
- Add meal choices for RSVP
- Add events and details to your wedding website
- Mail your wedding invites
- List your accessories
- Buy all ceremony extras
- Add RSVP to website
- Confirm meal selections with venue/caterer

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2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Make a honeymoon packing list
- Decide on rehearsal dinner outfits
- Get your marriage license
- Plan how you'll get guest photos
- Start working on your vows and toasts
- Finalize ceremony readings
- Save ceremony program photos
- Finalize cake/dessert menu and quantity
- Buy wedding party gifts
- Buy gifts for your parents
- Buy gifts for the kids
- Create seating chart
- Provide your shipping address to your gift registry
- Mark your top choice gifts
- Include gifts that cover all price ranges
- Work on the seating chart
- Send reminders to RSVP
- Work on your escort cards

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- Mail the rehearsal dinner invites
- Next-to-last wedding dress and attire fitting
- Hair and makeup trial!
- Start practicing for your first dance
- Finalize your ceremony outline
- Have a communication game plan
- Choose programs
- Finish your ceremony programs
- Finalize vows
- Buy or make a day-of emergency kit
- Choose menu cards
- Choose table numbers
- Pick up your wedding attire and partner's attire

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Finish shopping for the honeymoon
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Prepare your toasts
- Finalize the song list for your reception

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Put tip money aside for vendors
- Finish your escort cards
- Browse thank-you themes
- Confirm details and payments with vendors
- Confirm details and wedding day schedule with wedding party
- Finish the seating chart
- Write a sweet note to your partner

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Pull together all the essentials
- Drop off decor to the venue(s)
- Relax and set your alarm

THE DAY BEFORE

BE PRESENT
AND
ENJOY
YOUR
DAY