



WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

A calm, practical timeline for planning a meaningful celebration

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Couple / Partner Names

Wedding Date

Venue / Location

Estimated Guests

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

Begin with your vision

- ☐ Celebrate and talk about what matters most to you both
- ☐ Choose a realistic overall budget and identify contributors
- ☐ Draft a guest list and decide on an approximate wedding size
- ☐ Select your date and reserve ceremony and reception locations
- ☐ Book your wedding planner or day-of coordinator, if desired
- ☐ Research and book your officiant, photographer and key vendors
- ☐ Consider lodging and transportation for out-of-town guests

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

Build the experience

- ☐ Choose attire and allow time for ordering and alterations
- ☐ Book caterer, florist, music and entertainment
- ☐ Schedule engagement photos and create your wedding website
- ☐ Send save-the-dates, especially for destination guests
- ☐ Discuss ceremony style, traditions, readings and participants
- ☐ Explore rentals, decor, lighting and weather backup needs
- ☐ Begin honeymoon planning and check travel documents

Priorities, ideas and questions



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3-5 MONTHS BEFORE

Shape the details

- ☐ Finalize menu, cake or desserts and beverage plans
- ☐ Order invitations and confirm wording, addresses and postage
- ☐ Choose ceremony music, reception music and special dances
- ☐ Meet with your officiant and begin personalizing the ceremony
- ☐ Plan flowers, decor, signage, favors and guest-book details
- ☐ Arrange hair, makeup and any personal care appointments
- ☐ Review marriage-license requirements for the ceremony location

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

Confirm and communicate

- ☐ Mail invitations and track responses, meals and accessibility needs
- ☐ Finalize ceremony wording, vows, readings and wedding-party order
- ☐ Build the wedding-day timeline and share it with key vendors
- ☐ Confirm final fittings, rings, license plan and rehearsal details
- ☐ Prepare vendor balances, gratuities and emergency contacts
- ☐ Confirm transportation, lodging, delivery and pickup arrangements

FINAL WEEK AND WEDDING DAY

Breathe - you are ready

- ☐ Confirm final guest count and last details with vendors
- ☐ Pack rings, license, vows, attire, accessories and emergency kit
- ☐ Assign a trusted person for questions, gifts and personal items
- ☐ Hydrate, eat, rest and leave room for unhurried moments
- ☐ Bring the marriage license to the ceremony and enjoy your day

Final reminders