

Once you and your parents have established your budget and the date, it's time to start planning! This list will help you get organized and help determine what is more important to you. Remember, every Quinceañera is similar, but you can make yours unique!

1 year in advance

- Book the church.
- Check availability and make arrangements with your priest or minister if you have a preferred one.
- Decide if you will use a party planner or plan it with family only.
- Research and decide on reception venue. If venue doesn't cater, research and book caterer.
- Create a list with possible Damas & Chambelanes of your court.
- Work on a preliminary guest list and decide the size of your party.
- Determine whom your sponsors, madrinas and padrinos could be.
- Determine the theme of your party.

9-12 months in advance

- Ask about what specific traditions you wish to incorporate in your Quinceañera.
- Arrange auditions for bands and DJ's.
- Determine the dances and choreographies that you wish to include. You may want to hire a choreographer.
- Decide on final Damas & Chambelanes of your court.
- Select Damas & Chambelanes' dresses and suits.
- Decide on the final guest list.
- Begin to shop for your dress.
- Have several florists supply you with estimates and options.
- If needed, book rental services (chairs, tents, tables).

6-9 months

- Choose invitation designs.
- Speak to hotels and set up special rates for out-of-town guests.
- Order party favor dolls, shoes, crowns, etc.
- Interview photographers and videographers.
- Start looking for that perfect cake.
- Select decorations.

3-6 months

- Select photographer and videographer packages. Preferably sign a contract.
- Start writing/practicing speech.
- Begin dance rehearsals with court of honor.
- Search for a calligrapher if you are going to use one.

1-3 months

- Dress alterations if needed.
- Confirm with ALL vendors – baker, caterer, band, and photographer.
- Begin mailing invitations.
- Make appointments for hair, nails and makeup.
- Arrange a formal photo of you in your dress.
- Purchase gifts for members of your court.
- Select song list for band/DJ.
- Select a limousine company for transportation.

Last month

- Confirm guests who have not responded.
- Provide the caterer the final numbers of how many guests have confirmed. Remember to include band members and DJ's.
- Have a final presentation/dance rehearsal.
- Make sure your dress fits perfectly!

