

Wedding Planning Timeline

A SUPER HELPFUL CHECKLIST
AND STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO
PLAN YOUR BIG DAY

WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED

- ☐ Settle on your budget.
- ☐ Start gathering names and addresses for your guest list.
- ☐ Narrow down your potential date to two or three.
- ☐ Research locations for your wedding venue.
- ☐ Create a wedding website.

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Hire a photographer. **DON'T** procrastinate. Many photographers are fully-booked up to a year in advance.
- ☐ Begin shopping for wedding dresses.
- ☐ Choose your bridal party and attendants.
- ☐ Finalize date after considering venue and photographer availability.
- ☐ Book a block of hotel rooms for out-of-state guests.

11 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Plan ceremony and reception decor.
- ☐ Set up an appointment with your florist to decide what types of bouquets and centerpieces you need.
- ☐ Book your caterer.

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Finalize your guest list
- ☐ Set up gift registries.
- ☐ Search for an officiant or have a friend or family member get ordained to perform the ceremony.
- ☐ Choose ceremony and reception music. Test out your playlist a few times before the big day so you know what music is best during dancing versus dinner time.

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Order your gown and have any necessary alterations done.

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Order hair accessories.
- ☐ Order jewelry.
- ☐ Plan and book your honeymoon (for international excursions).

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Edit, proof and print your wedding invitations. Don't forget the envelopes and stamps!
- ☐ Do a few run-throughs on your hairstyle and makeup so you can test out products and make tweaks to your final look.

5 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Make arrangements for any rentals items (tables, chairs, linens, etc.) you need.
- ☐ Arrange any additional sound equipment you'll need to provide music for the ceremony and reception.

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Choose groom's attire and make necessary alterations.
- ☐ Purchase any other bridal accessories including shoes, lingerie and garter.
- ☐ Plan and book your honeymoon (for local excursions).
- ☐ Send out Save the Date cards.

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Book accommodations for your wedding night.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Address, stamp and mail your invitations.
- ☐ Finalize the menu with your caterer. Don't forget drinks! If alcohol is not included in your catering bill, ask about bringing in your own.



PAVILION
Events

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Purchase wedding bands.
- ☐ Confirm number of bouquets, centerpieces and boutonnieres with florist.

4 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Finish any DIY projects.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Get your local marriage license lined up.
- ☐ Create a wedding day schedule and pass it out to important parties (including photographer).
- ☐ Give a final guest head count to the caterer.
- ☐ Finalize seating chart.
- ☐ Confirm all vendors' arrival or delivery times on the wedding day.

HAPPY WEDDING DAY!

- ☐ Have a trusted friend or family member handle checks for vendors to be paid on the wedding day.

