

# Wedding Planning Check List

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## 1 Year

Choose a color scheme!

Work out your budget. Remember to prioritize what is most important to you on your wedding day

Select your wedding party

Start your wedding guest list

Hire a planner

Reserve your date at your dream venue

Research photographers, bands, caterers, florists, rentals, officiants, etc.

Start a wedding binder to keep all of your quotes, brochures, and notes in one place

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*"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."*

## 8 Months

After researching Vendors, hire your wedding photographer & videographer

Take your engagement photos!

Buy your dress!

Create a wedding website

Meet with caterers

Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests  
Register at your favorite brands -- don't forget to include this information on your website!

Book the officiant

*"When I saw you I fell in love, and you smiled because you knew."*

## 7-6 Months

Purchase your invitations

Finalize your guest list and request addresses

Start planning your honeymoon!

Choose the bridesmaids' dresses

Reserve lighting components, portable toilets, generators, etc.

Reserve any rentals you may need (chairs, tents, linens, etc.)

Book a florist

Arrange Transportation

Send out save-the-dates!

*"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."*

## 4-5 Months

Time to order your cake.

Send your bridal shower guest list to your host

Check on the status of your wedding invitations

Book the rehearsal and rehearsal-dinner venues

Schedule hair and makeup artists and your Bridal Photo session

Choose your processional music and reception playlist

Go to your first dress fitting, and pick up some accessories while you're at it!

Purchase/rent groom's attire

Book accommodations for your wedding night

Provide guest lists to maid of honor and best man for bachelor and bachelorette parties and bridal shower

*"I would find you in any lifetime."*

### 3 Months

Work with your caterer to finalize the menu for the reception

Print menu cards

Meet with your florist to finalize the florals for the event

Purchase the rings

Finalize the event schedule and start creating the day-of-timeline

Print programs

Order your wedding favors

Meet with officiant and coordinate readings from friends and family as well as anything else to include in the ceremony

*"Deep in my soul I know that I'm your destiny."*

## 2 Months

Meet with your photographer to discuss day-of plans and specific shots you are wanting

Review the playlist with the band and DJ, and provide them with "don't play" and "must play" lists

Send out invitations

Submit your announcement to the local newspaper

Let loose at your bachelor/bachelorette parties

Send out as many final payments as you can

Touch base with all vendors

Make sure groomsmen attire has been purchased/rented

*'Two hearts in love need no words.'*

## 1 Months

Get your marriage license

Attend your last dress fitting

Send out rehearsal-dinner invitations

Purchase alcohol and finalize your signature cocktails if needed

Confirm times for all of the vendors, and send out your day-of timeline again

For the reception, create your seating chart

Purchase wedding party gifts

Write vows

Enter all RSVPs you have received into your guest list

Call guests who have not yet RSVP'd for final head count  
Make sure members of the wedding party know their roles and duties come the wedding day

*"No matter what challenges might carry us apart,  
we will always find a way back to each other."*

## 1 Week

Touch base with all vendors and ensure they have the day-of timelines

Outsource any small day-of tasks you can to family and friends

Ensure everyone in your wedding party has your wedding day timeline

De-stress at the spa!

Send the final guest list to the caterer

Have extra checks ready for day-of payments

Dance around in your shoes!

Pack for your honeymoon!!

Relax!!!

*'And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.'*

## After the Wedding & Honeymoon

Pay all remaining balances to vendors

Clean and preserve your wedding gown

Write "thank you" cards

Look into purchasing life insurance!

Officially change your name (if that's what you want to do!)

