



Wedding Planning Checklist

12+ Months Before

- Set overall budget
- Decide who is contributing financially
- Define wedding style/theme
- Draft preliminary guest list
- Choose preferred season/date range
- Research ceremony venues
- Research reception venues
- Book ceremony venue
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- Book photographer
- Book videographer
- Book caterer
- Book DJ or band
- Book officiant
- Book florist

9-12 Months Before

- Choose bridesmaids / groomsmen
- Ask wedding party officially
- Start wedding dress shopping



- Research suits/tuxedos
- Book hair & makeup artist
- Reserve rentals (tables, chairs, linens)
- Choose color palette
- Create wedding website
- Book hotel room blocks
- Start registry

6-9 Months Before

- Send save-the-dates
- Schedule catering tasting
- Choose menu
- Book cake designer
- Plan ceremony music
- Arrange transportation
- Book honeymoon
- Check passport validity

4-6 Months Before

- Order wedding dress
- Order bridesmaid dresses
- Order suits/tuxedos
- Buy wedding shoes
- Plan ceremony outline



- Write vows
- Research marriage license requirements
- Finalize floral arrangements

2-3 Months Before

- Finalize guest list
- Order invitations
- Send invitations
- Create reception layout
- Draft seating chart
- Choose wedding favors
- Hair trial
- Makeup trial

1 Month Before

- Final dress fitting
- Confirm headcount with caterer
- Create wedding day timeline
- Confirm all vendors
- Prepare tip envelopes
- Apply for marriage license
- Break in wedding shoes

1 Week Before

- Final venue walk-through



- Finalize seating chart
- Pack décor items
- Confirm transportation times
- Rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- Pack honeymoon bags

Wedding Day Essentials

- Marriage license
- Rings
- Vows
- Vendor contact list
- Emergency kit
- Phone chargers
- Cash for tips

After the Wedding

- Return rentals
- Preserve dress
- Write thank-you notes
- Review vendors
- Change name (if applicable)
- Order photo album