



### 12 Months to 9 Months Before the wedding:

- Hire the videographer
- Book your officiant and arrange any pre-marital counselling
- Book engagement photos with photographer
- Book the entertainment
- Meet caterers and make food choices
- Purchase a dress
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Register
- Launch a wedding website, if desired
- Start an exercise program if you would like to shape up
- Start composing a day-of timeline



### 9 Months to 6 Months Before the wedding:

- Select and purchase invitations.
- Review responsibilities with bridal party (monetary, duties, help)
- Start planning a honeymoon, and renew passports if necessary.
- Shop for bridesmaids' dresses, flower girl dress, and mother of the bride and groom dresses.
- Shop for wedding bands.
- Review any family traditions you would like incorporated in the ceremony and reception.
- Meet with the officiant again if necessary.
- Determine final guest list with all parties.
- Send save-the-date cards, if desired
- Book a florist and begin working on centerpiece and bouquet design.
- Arrange transportation.

#### 4 to 6 Months before the wedding:

- Book the rehearsal and rehearsal-dinner venues.
- Appoint an MC and organize other wedding day helpers (clean up help, guestbook attendant, ushers, readers/prayer, babysitters)
- Plan guest favors and place cards design.
- Check on the wedding invitations.
- Arrange any rentals for the wedding day, such as tables, chairs, tents, linens, etc.
- Purchase ceremony necessities such as aisle runner, unity candle, flower girl basket, pew decorations, etc.
- Select and order the cake and cake topper.
- Book mens suits/tuxedos/shoes/ties.
- Send your guest list to the host of your shower.
- Purchase wedding shoes and start dress fittings.
- Schedule hair designer
- Schedule makeup artists.
- Begin to choose your music.
- Remember to write thank you cards as gifts arrive.

#### 3 Months before the wedding:

- Make arrangements for your marriage license.
- Finalize the menu with caterer/venue
- Finalize flowers
- Send out the invitations.
- Order favors, if desired.
- Make a list of the people giving toasts.
- Purchase your undergarments and garter.
- Finalize the order of the ceremony and the reception.
- Arrange rehearsal dinner details.
- Finalize your after reception hotel arrangements.
- Print menu cards, if you like, as well as programs.
- Purchase the rings so you have time for sizing, or engraving
- Send your event schedule to the vendors.
- Purchase cake serving utensils, guestbook and pen, and card box.
- Obtain liquor license if your venue does not serve liquor.
- Review day of timeline, and update as necessary.

### 2 Months before the wedding:

- Touch base again with all the vendors.
- Review details with photographer.
- Review the playlist with the band or deejay. Inform them of the songs you would like played, and the songs you do not want played.
- Finalize music to be played at ceremony.
- Select ceremony readings.
- Order ceremony programs.
- Book and hair and makeup trial
- Finalize honeymoon details
- Purchase wedding day gift for fiancé.
- Enjoy a bachelorette party.

### 1 Month before the wedding:

- Enter RSVPs into your guest-list database, and call those who have not responded.
- Get your marriage license.
- Mail the rehearsal-dinner invitations.
- Visit the dressmaker for your last dress fitting.
- Stock the bar/place your bar order.
- Send out as many final payments as you can.
- Confirm times for hair and makeup and all vendors.
- E-mail and print directions for drivers of transport vehicles.
- Create seating charts, and finish place cards
- Purchase bridesmaids' gifts.
- Write vows and toasts/speeches, if necessary.
- Get your hair cut and colored
- Book facials, waxing, manicure/pedicure and any other esthetics that are required
- Break in your shoes.

### 1 to 2 Weeks before the wedding:

- Finalize guest numbers with caterer or hall and inform them of any special exceptions you may require - food allergies, vegetarian meals, etc.
- Pick up gown and Bridal party dresses.
- Pick up any airline tickets or travel documents.
- Finalize hotel arrangements for out of town guests.
- Prepare a checklist of details to be assigned to wedding party.
- Prepare seating plans, seating cards and master guest list for reception.
- Pick up wedding bands after sizing.
- Finish packing for honeymoon.
- Make wedding day emergency kit.

### Week of the wedding:

- Finalize day of timeline.
- Reconfirm arrival times with vendors.
- Delegate small wedding-day tasks, such as handing out boutonnieres
- Send a timeline to the bridal party and other important people.
- Check in one last time with the photographer.
- Set aside payments and gratuities for the vendors.
- Send the final guest list to the caterer and all venues hosting your wedding-related events.
- Rehearsal dinner takes place and gifts are given to wedding party.
- Get lots of rest, and drink lots of water!

### Day before the wedding:

- Have a manicure and pedicure.
- Pick up men's formal wear.
- Take a trip to your reception site to ensure that the location is ready for the reception.
- Lay out everything you will need in the morning.
- Pack your purse/day bag with anything you will need during your wedding day.
- De-stress, and go to bed early!

### After the wedding:

- Send thank you notes to guests (and vendors) within 8 weeks.
- Dry clean and preserve wedding dress.
- Preserve bouquet.
- Complete address changes and name changes where necessary.
- Meet with photographer and videographer to finalize albums and DVDs.
- Share your wedding photos and video with your loved ones!