



the Rose Barn

wedding & function venue

your timeline wedding checklist

12 months or more

- Announce your engagement to friends and family
- Meet with both families to discuss budget and who is responsible for what
- Decide on the type of wedding (morning, picnic, traditional, out of town)
- Set a wedding date (your date may be dependant on venue availability)
- Choose a venue
- Choose your bridesmaids, best men, ring bearers, flower girls and page boys
- Meet with the marriage officiant to discuss the service
- Research religious and legal requirement for your ceremony
- Consider a wedding insurance policy
- Decide on the number of guests and guest list
- Book your photographer and videographer, the good ones get booked up quickly
- Start a wedding planning file to keep your notes and paperwork together

9 months

- Start the process of buying or ordering your dream wedding dress
- Send out save the dates to your guests
- Choose your speakers at the wedding
- Book honeymoon destination
- Choose a colour scheme
- Book caterer
- Book wedding DJ
- Book musicians or entertainment
- Book florist
- Book transportation
- Choose bridesmaids and flower girl dresses

6 months

- Order your wedding cake
- Honeymoon arrangements - visa, passports etc
- Decide on the gift registry
- Choose a stationery designer and start planning your wedding invitations, menus, RSVP cards etc
- Choose and order your wedding rings
- Book any décor items you are renting
- Select music for the ceremony and reception

5 months

- Finalize guest list and double check that all the names are spelt correctly
- Order the grooms and best men suits
- Choose readings or poems for the ceremony and confirm who is ready
- Decide on veil, tiara and garter
- Check what vaccinations and medication you might need for honeymoon
- Book hair dresser and makeup artist

3 months

- Send out invitations and follow up that they have received it
- Print the programmes and menus
- Write or print the place cards
- Bridesmaids and best men should start arranging the bachelorette and bachelor parties
- Confirm delivery date of your wedding dress
- Draw up pre-nuptial contracts
- Brief the ceremony officiant and check that all the documentation is in place
- Buy a guest book
- Buy gifts for the bridesmaids and bestmen
- Buy bridal accessories - shoes, jewellery, underwear etc
- Order wedding favours
- Discuss the details of your reception with the venue and co-ordinator
- Arrange transportation for bride and groom
- Assist guests with accommodation if required

1 month

- Do a final confirmation of all service providers and orders
- Start writing vows if you are doing your own vows
- Final wedding dress fitting
- Schedule a rehearsal dinner
- Hair and make-up trials
- Lunch / dinner with your attendants and give them their gift
- Choose a present for your fiancé
- Picks up rings and check engraving
- Ensure that grooms and groomsmen wedding attire is ready

2 weeks

- Trim your hair one last time
- Finalize your headcount with the venue and caterers
- Confirm your transportation routes and times
- Make final payments
- Finalize seating chart
- Draw up wedding day time sheet and circulate to the necessary people
- Confirm honeymoon bookings

1 week

- Pack for your honeymoon
- Break into your shoes
- Double check your wedding dress
- Call all your suppliers to verify times and location
- Get your eyebrows, bikini, upper lip and legs waxed
- Groom to get a haircut
- Pack an emergency kit (needle and thread, hairpins, aspirin etc)

The day

- Have a massage to start off the day
- Relax and enjoy your special day

After

- Send your wedding gown to be cleaned
- Send out thank you letters
- Make sure all the bills have been paid
- Have a wonderful honeymoon and the start to your future together

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