

# 12-month planning countdown:

We've put together this 12-Month Wedding Planner to help you plan the perfect wedding day.  
Print a copy and fill it out as you prepare for the big day.

## TWELVE MONTHS PLUS

- Choose the date and time for wedding and rehearsal
- Announce the engagement
- Create a wedding email account
- Attend engagement party
- Hire a wedding planner
- Draft a preliminary guest list
- Draft a budget
- Begin bridal registry
- Determine the style and formality of the wedding
- Research and select ceremony site
- Research and select reception location
- Research wedding vendors
- Visit clergy/officiant together and reserve date
- Arrange time off work

## TEN TO TWELVE MONTHS

- Choose bridesmaids/groomsmen and ushers
- Shop for wedding gown
- Interview and select vendors:**
- Caterer (if necessary)
- Photographer
- Schedule an engagement photography session
- Videographer/cinematographer
- Entertainment/music
- Florist/event designer

## EIGHT TO TEN MONTHS

- Order wedding gown
- Organize accommodation and transport for out-of-town guests
- Organize accommodation for wedding night and night before
- Interview and select vendors:**
- Rentals equipment
- Officiant (if you are not marrying in a house of worship)
- Research wedding invitations
- Research honeymoon, for example passport requirements
- Consider marriage preparation course

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

## SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS

- Begin planning ceremony and reception
- Plan the rehearsal dinner
- Plan pre-wedding and post-wedding parties
- Finalize any remaining vendor commitments
- Hair stylist for wedding day
- Makeup/Hair stylist for wedding day
- Make Wine and Get Special Occasion License
- Pastry chef/select wedding cake
- Research stationery needs (menu/place cards, program guides)
- Order bridesmaids' dresses
- Help mothers shop for their attire
- Select formal wear for the groom, groomsmen, and fathers
- Research favour options
- Plan and book honeymoon
- Get passports, VISA etc.
- Ask family and friends to help at ceremony and reception

## FOUR TO SIX MONTHS

- Finalize guest list
- Order wedding invitations and announcements
- Determine reception menu
- Select wedding-day transportation
- Shop for wedding bands
- Help mothers select and coordinate their dresses
- Shop for bridal accessories (headpiece/veil, lingerie, jewelry)
- Shop for bridesmaids' accessories (jewelry, shoes, purses)
- Shop for your trousseau
- Choose baker; order wedding cake and groom's cake

## THREE MONTHS

- Address and assemble invitations
- Research marriage license requirements
- Confirm delivery dates on gown and bridesmaids' dresses
- If writing your own vows, begin now
- Compile music list for reception entertainment
- Finalize ceremony details and music selections
- Prepare shoot list for videographer and photographer
- Shop for attendants' thank you gifts
- Make arrangements for preserving bridal bouquet and gown
- Get Boudoir Photos done

## TWO MONTHS

- Mail invitations
- Attend dress fittings/alterations
- Confirm bridesmaids have scheduled/attended dress fittings
- Schedule wedding day hair and makeup preview/trial
- Prepare wedding announcement for newspaper
- Arrange rehearsal and dinner plans
- Begin collection wedding accessories
- Schedule beauty/grooming appointments for wedding week haircut/colour, manicure/pedicure, massage, tanning, waxing
- Complete proper documents for changing your name
- Pinup Party/Stagettes

## ONE MONTH

- Obtain marriage license
- Finalize itinerary for vendors and ceremony/reception locations
- Begin making seating plan for reception dinner
- Pick up wedding bands
- Schedule final gown fittings
- Schedule date to pick up finished and pressed wedding gown
- Call guests who have not responded to invitation
- Start thank you notes for any wedding gifts already received
- Break in your wedding shoes
- Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests
- Arrange brunch for out-of-town guests morning after wedding before they leave as a thank you for coming
- Move your belongings to your new home
- Decide on receiving line-where, who

## TWO WEEKS

- Confirm final guest count to caterer/reception location
- Confirm rehearsal dinner guest count
- Begin packing for honeymoon
- Break in wedding shoes at home: walk in them, scuff bottoms
- Begin final payments to vendors (remaining payments due)
- Finalize seating plan
- Prepare an "emergency kit" for wedding-day mishaps
- Meet photographer and videographer; discuss must-take shots

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

## ONE WEEK

- Pickup and try on gown at dressmaker's for final fit, DO NOT try on again until day of the wedding
- Host bridesmaids' party
- Attend final grooming/beauty appointments
- Contact venues/vendors to finalize delivery times and details
- Prepare tip envelopes and arrange for distribution to vendors
- Finalize packing for honeymoon
- Confirm travel arrangements; if travelling out-of-country, purchase small amount of local currency
- Confirm transportation details
- Review timetables and details with vendors

## TWO TO THREE DAYS

- Drop off wedding accessories at venue or wedding planner
- Pack a bag for the wedding day
- Pick up tuxedos for groom, groomsmen, and fathers. Confirm all articles of clothing/accessories are ready and try on
- Cut cheques for remaining vendor payments

## ONE DAY TO GO

- Attend ceremony rehearsal
- Distribute the wedding itinerary to attendants and parents
- Hand over remaining accessories to wedding planner/organizer
- Attend rehearsal dinner
- Present attendants with their gifts at the rehearsal dinner
- Go to bed early so you will be well rested for the amazing day

## THE WEDDING DAY

- Eat breakfast - the most important meal of the day
- Arrange for check in and have luggage delivered to your hotel
- Give vendor payments to planner or best man for distribution
- Get dressed and feel beautiful
- Switch your engagement ring to your right hand
- Marry the man you love and have a great day!

## POST WEDDING

- Leave for honeymoon
- Send gown for cleaning and preservation
- Complete and mail thank you cards
- Thank your parents and attendants (by phone call and/or note)
- Thank your vendors (by phone call and/or note)
- Change name/or not

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