Bride's Book

Wedding Planning CHECKLIST

USE THIS AS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR GETTING THE BIGGEST TASKS TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE YOUR BIG DAY. HAVE FUN!

9-12 months before

- ◯ Set a budget, and determine how costs will be divided.
- ◯ Select a date, and reserve venue(s).
- ◯ Start the guest list to get your best cost estimate.
- ◯ Find an officiant.
- ◯ Start a separate folder for receipts.
- ◯ Select your wedding party.
- ◯ Hire a planner or day-of coordinator.
- ◯ Book a florist, photographer, and DJ or band.

6-9 months before

- ◯ Find a caterer if the venue doesn't offer one.
- ◯ Choose bridesmaids' attire.
- ◯ Register for gifts.
- ◯ Start planning your honeymoon.
- ◯ Select and order a bridal gown!
- ◯ Create a wedding website.
- ◯ Arrange transportation.

4-6 months before

- ◯ Finalize guest list.
- ◯ Send save-the-date announcements.
- ◯ Reserve any rental items needed for ceremony or reception.
- ◯ Shop for wedding invitations.
- ◯ Finalize a date, time, and location for rehearsal dinner.
- ◯ Choose ceremony readings, and reach out to readers.
- ◯ Arrange room blocks at hotels for out-of-town guests.
- ◯ Meet with your officiant.

2-4 months before

- ◯ Mail invitations.
- ◯ Shop for your wedding rings.
- ◯ Order wedding cake.
- ◯ Obtain marriage license after 90-day mark.
- ◯ Find your makeup artist and hairstylist, and make your day-of and trial-run appointments.
- ◯ Purchase favors and gifts for welcome baskets.

6-8 weeks before

- ◯ Send rehearsal-dinner invitations.
- ◯ Reserve tuxedos for groomsmen.
- ◯ Finalize the menu and the flowers.
- ◯ Meet with vendors to work out details.

2-6 weeks before

- ◯ Print seating cards and programs.
- ◯ Create seating plan and wedding-weekend time line.
- ◯ Have your final dress fitting.
- ◯ Write vows.
- ◯ Finalize all details, and confirm with vendors.

1 week before

- ◯ Expect lots of last-minute things to come up, so try not to save anything that could have been finished sooner.
- ◯ Confirm arrival times with vendors and wedding party.
- ◯ Set aside checks or tips to distribute to vendors.
- ◯ Delegate tasks to wedding party.