

# WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

## 10 TO 12 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Decide on the type and size of your wedding (formal, semi-formal, informal).
- o Select your wedding dress and headpiece. Set a date for fittings (8-12 months in advance).
- o Organize your planning tools (notebook, file folder, Wedding Guide, WG App).
- o Decide a budget, who will pay for what, and how expenses will be shared.
- o Select a wedding date and time.
- o Call the church and meet with the officiant.
- o Decide wedding party size and choose attendants.
- o Select your reception location.
- o Select a wedding consultant.
- o Begin compiling your guest list.
- o Choose your colors, style, and theme.
- o Select your photographer and have your engagement photos taken.
- o Announce your engagement in a local newspaper or social media.
- o Insure your engagement ring.
- o Host an engagement party.
- o Send a "Save-the-Date" notice (9-12 months in advance).
- o Visit jewelry shops.

## 8 TO 10 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Select bridesmaids' attire and arrange for fittings (6-10 months in advance).
- o Discuss gown colors with moms so they can start looking for dresses.
- o Select a professional caterer.
- o Select your florist and plan floral decorations.
- o Set up your wedding website. Include web address on "Save-the-Date" info.
- o Register for gifts and include registry information on your wedding website.

## 6 TO 8 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Select a videographer or cinematographer.
- o Make honeymoon plans and apply for passports, if needed.
- o Finalize guest list.
- o Order wedding invitations.
- o Select musicians for the ceremony and reception (band, DJ, singers).
- o Reserve your transportation for the weekend, trolleys can book out 18 months in advance.
- o Register for gifts.
- o Shop together for your wedding rings.
- o Order favors and decorations.
- o Purchase unity candle, guestbook, and ring pillow for your ceremony.

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## 4 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Select men's formal wear and give information to the groomsmen.
- o Select ceremony and reception songs.
- o Block hotel rooms for out-of-town guests and book your wedding night room.
- o Set up cake tastings with various bakers for wedding and groom's cakes.
- o Purchase wedding and honeymoon insurance, if you would like to.
- o Reserve wedding day rental equipment.

## 2 TO 4 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Arrange your rehearsal dinner.
- o Select your wedding cake and place your order.
- o Plan final fittings for your wedding gown and attendants' gowns.
- o Address your wedding invitations.
- o Finalize your floral order.
- o Purchase gifts for your parents, your attendants, and each other.
- o Begin your beauty and spa regimen.
- o Preliminary hair and makeup consultations.
- o Shop for gown accessories and honeymoon apparel.

## 1 TO 2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Mail invitations 6 to 8 weeks before your wedding.
- o Buy your marriage license.
- o Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or luncheon.
- o Finalize ceremony and reception decorations.
- o Begin preparing your ceremony program, including readings.
- o Finalize details of ceremony and reception with site coordinator.
- o Schedule hair, spa, and nail appointments.
- o Send out thank you notes for bridal shower gifts.
- o Begin your reception seating diagram.

## 3 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Send out rehearsal dinner invitations.
- o Finalize the ceremony program.
- o Bachelor and bachelorette party.

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- o Finalize reception seating and placement cards.
- o Make out-of-town gift bags for guests.
- o Confirm all vendor delivery times.
- o Create a timeline for your wedding day and distribute to attendants and vendors.
- o Make arrangements for your post-wedding gown cleaning.
- o Finalize any personal vows.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- o Pick up wedding rings and insure your rings.
- o Final consultations with baker, florist, musician, photographer, and videographer.
- o Give the final count to the caterer (contact guests that have not responded).
- o Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes.
- o Pack for your honeymoon.
- o Pack your bridal crisis kit.
- o Make sure marriage license is in order.
- o Wedding rehearsal and dinner.
- o Give attendants and parents their gifts.
- o Give the best man payments to be made on the day of the wedding.

## DAY OF YOUR WEDDING

- o Remember to eat breakfast.
- o Allow at least two hours for dressing.
- o Remember to bring the rings and the marriage license.
- o Relax and enjoy your day together.

## POST-WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

- o Open gifts/morning after brunch.
- o Write thank you notes.
- o Begin changing your name.
- o Send marriage announcement to your local papers.
- o Contact your photographer and videographer for delivery date.
- o Post your photos on social media.
- o Share good wedding vendor experiences with friends getting married.