

# Bridal Checklist

*Here is our suggested timetable for the months and weeks leading up to your wedding*

## 9-12 months before your wedding

- Determine the type of wedding you want to have.
- Set your budget.
- Choose your wedding date.
- Announce your engagement in local news papers.
- Compose your guest list.
- Reserve your reception site.
- Choose your wedding attendants.
- Select your wedding gown, shoes and accessories.
- Shop for and order bridesmaid's dresses.
- Interview vendors: Caterers, reception venues, musicians, florists, photographers, videographers, limousines and bakers.

## 8-6 months before

- Hire your vendors.
- Order your cake.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Plan your honeymoon.
- Select and order your wedding invitations and other necessary stationary.

## 6-4 months before

- Finalize contracts and arrangements with all of your vendors.
- Register at bridal gift registries.
- Help your mother and his mother plan their wedding-day attire.
- Plan (or help plan) the rehearsal dinner.
- Book a room block at a hotel for out-of-town guests.
- Make hotel reservations for your wedding night.
- Select make-up artist and hairdresser. Schedule the appointments for your wedding day.
- Begin addressing invitations and announcements.
- Buy gifts for your bridesmaids and wrap them.

## 2 months before

- Create any maps you want to include in invitations, to from ceremony to reception.
- Mail wedding invitations and announcements.
- Have photography session for formal portraits.
- Verify with musicians/DJ what will be played at the ceremony and at the reception.
- Hold a luncheon for your bridesmaids.
- Finalize honeymoon plans. Verify passports and visas.

## 1 month before

- Have final fitting of your gown.
- Finalize menu and plans with caterer and reception venue.
- Organize the reception seating plan. Make out the place cards.
- Review plans with your photographer and videographer.
- Confirm vendor agreements for time and place:
- Limo or other transportation
- Flower deliveries
- Cake delivery
- Begin writing thank-you notes!
- Get your wedding license.
- Pick up wedding rings.
- Pack for honeymoon.

## One week before

- Give the caterer the final number of guests.
- Make out final checks for all your vendors.
- Arrange for wedding gifts to be taken home from the reception.

## The day before

- Take time to relax! Enjoy a massage, manicure and pedicure.
- Enjoy your rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
- Turn in early for a good night's sleep.

## Your Wedding Day

- Savor every moment! Laugh off any little glitches!

## The month after

- Mail wedding announcement to the newspaper.
- Take your gown to cleaners for cleaning and packaging.
- Obtain certified copies of your marriage license.
- Change your name and address on documents.
- Keep up with the thank-you notes!



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