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Your Ultimate Wedding Planning Checklist



12 Months

- SET A WEDDING BUDGET AND PRIORITIZE WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT
- DRAFT YOUR WEDDING GUEST LIST
- TOUR AND BOOK YOUR WEDDING VENUE
- SET A DATE
- CREATE YOUR WEDDING PINTEREST BOARD
- BOOK A PLANNER OR DAY OF COORDINATOR (IF IN BUDGET)
- BOOK A PHOTOGRAPHER
- TRY ON WEDDING DRESSES, ORDER BY 10 MONTHS (THIS ALLOWS FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS FOR THE DRESS TO BE DELIVERED, ANY DELAYS, AND PLENTY OF TIME FOR ALTERATIONS); TRY TO PURCHASE YOUR VEIL AT THE SAME TIME SO YOU CAN TRY IT ON WITH THE DRESS AND FINALIZE THE ENTIRE “LOOK”



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9 Months

- BOOK A VIDEOGRAPHER
- BOOK A FLORIST
- BOOK AN OFFICIANT AND MAKE ANY PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS (IF REQUIRED)
- CHOOSE YOUR WEDDING PARTY AND ASK THEM TO BE PART OF YOUR BIG DAY
- TAKE ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS
- SET UP YOUR WEDDING REGISTRY WITH ZOLA (DOING IT EARLY GIVES ACCESS TO BOTH SHOWER GUESTS AND WEDDING GUESTS)
- CREATE A WEDDING WEBSITE WITH ZOLA
- BOOK HOTEL BLOCKS (USUALLY TWO DIFFERING PRICE RANGES)
- BOOK YOUR WEDDING NIGHT HOTEL
- BEGIN RESEARCHING AND MEETING WITH CATERERS
- BEGIN COMPILING ADDRESSES FOR GUESTS



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6 Months

- BOOK YOUR RENTALS (LINENS, PLATES, CUTTLERY, CHAIRS, LIGHTING, TENTS, ETC.)
- BOOK HAIR AND MAKEUP ARTISTS
- BOOK A CATERER
- COMPLETE YOUR WEDDING GUEST LIST
- SEND OUT SAVE THE DATES WITH ZOLA
- BEGIN DESIGNING WEDDING INVITATIONS AND SUITE
- DECIDE ON BRIDESMAID ATTIRE; SEND THEM THE INFORMATION AND A FINAL DATE TO ORDER BY (PAD THIS DATE FOR YOUR SANITY)
- START PLANNING YOUR HONEYMOON
- DISCUSS BACHELORETTE PARTY DATES AND LOCATIONS WITH THE MAID OF HONOR; SEND HER A ROUGH GUEST LIST TO HELP WITH PLANNING



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4 - 5 Months

BOOK THE REHEARSAL DINNER VENUE
(UNLESS RELATIVES ARE HANDLING)

BOOK THE DJ OR MUSIC

ORDER YOUR WEDDING INVITATIONS

ORDER YOUR CAKE

BEGIN BRIDAL DRESS FITTINGS (BRING ANY
UNDERGARMENTS YOU WILL BE WEARING ON YOUR
WEDDING DAY – BRA, SPANKS, PANTYHOSE, ETC.)

BUY OR RENT THE GROOM'S ATTIRE

DECIDE ON GROOMSMEN ATTIRE; SEND THEM THE
INFO + FINAL ORDER DATE (PAD THIS DATE)

FINALIZE THE HONEYMOON AND ACCOMMODATIONS

SEND THANK YOU NOTES AS YOU RECEIVE PRESENTS

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR LEGAL
DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
AND HONEYMOON. CHECK YOUR PASSPORTS!

3 Months

- BOOK TRANSPORTATION
- FINALIZE THE MENU WITH YOUR CATERER
- FINALIZE CEREMONY DETAILS WITH YOUR OFFICIANT
- FINALIZE YOUR FLORAL DESIGN
- BUY YOUR WEDDING RINGS
- SEND OUT YOUR WEDDING INVITATIONS (6-8 WEEKS OUT)
- START PLANNING MUSIC FOR THE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION (FIRST DANCES, PROCESSIONAL, ETC.)
- ORDER ANY PAPER PRODUCTS NEEDED (CEREMONY PROGRAMS, MENUS, PLACE CARDS, TABLE NUMBERS, ETC.)
- CREATE A WEDDING DAY-OF TIMELINE – INCLUDING TIMES OF WEDDING PARTY ARRIVAL, VENDOR ARRIVAL, AND FAMILY ARRIVAL
- BUY THANK YOU GIFTS FOR YOUR BRIDESMAIDS, GROOMSMEN, AND PARENTS
- PURCHASE SHOES FOR YOUR WEDDING DRESS. IF YOU PLAN TO CHANGE INTO MORE COMFORTABLE SHOES FOR YOUR RECEPTION, ORDER THOSE AS WELL!
- DISCUSS YOUR WEDDING HAIR WITH YOUR STYLIST – TREATMENTS TO DO AHEAD OF TIME, EXTENSIONS, COLORING/HIGHLIGHTING, TRIMS, ETC. BOOK THE APPOINTMENTS.



2 Months

BUY OR MAKE PLANS FOR ANY WEDDING ACCESSORIES (JEWELRY, HAIR ACCESSORIES, GARTER, FAMILY HEIRLOOMS, ETC.)

TOUCH BASE WITH ALL YOUR VENDORS TO CONFIRM DETAILS, PAYMENT DATE, AND TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE YOUR COORDINATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DAY OF

SEND OUT AS MANY FINAL PAYMENTS AS YOU CAN – TYPICALLY ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE 30 DAYS BEFORE

CHECK TO MAKE SURE WEDDING PARTY HAS ALL RECEIVED THEIR ATTIRE, ARE MAKING PLANS FOR ALTERATIONS, AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE ACCESSORIES (SHOES, TIES, POCKET SQUARES, ETC.)

IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO GET A SPRAY TAN, DO YOUR RESEARCH AND TEST IT OUT NOW. WE RECOMMEND A SPRAY TAN APPLIED BY A PROFESSIONAL RATHER THAN AT-HOME TREATMENTS OR AN AUTOMATED BOOTH. TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WORKED, WHAT DIDN'T, AND HOW MANY DAYS AFTER YOU LIKED YOUR TAN THE BEST.



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1 Month

- GET FINAL RSVP COUNT (CALL ANYONE YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM)
- BOOK YOUR TRIAL HAIR AND MAKEUP
- BOOK YOUR FINAL DRESS FITTING
- BREAK IN YOUR WEDDING SHOES
- GET YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE
- ONCE YOU HAVE A FINAL RSVP HEADCOUNT, GIVE THIS TO YOUR CATERER, BAR TENDERS, AND RENTALS COMPANY TO ENSURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH (USUALLY 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE)
- CREATE YOUR SEATING CHART
- SEND OUT REHEARSAL DINNER INVITATIONS (UNLESS RELATIVES ARE HANDLING)
- PURCHASE YOUR REHEARSAL DINNER OUTFIT AND SHOES
SEND YOUR DAY OF TIMELINE TO ALL YOUR VENDORS (UNLESS WEDDING COORDINATOR IS HANDLING)
- MEET WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER TO DISCUSS DAY OF PLANS AND A MUST-HAVE SHOT LIST
- WRITE YOUR VOWS
- GET YOUR WEDDING PARTY TOGETHER TO DISCUSS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE WEDDING DAY
- DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TRY NEW BEAUTY TREATMENTS OR REGIMENS THIS MONTH. STICK WITH PRODUCTS YOU'VE USED BEFORE AND NO TREATMENTS THAT YOU HAVEN'T TRIED YET.

Wedding Week!

SEND YOUR DAY OF TIMELINE TO EVERYONE
IN THE WEDDING PARTY AND PARENTS

GET YOUR ENGAGEMENT RING CLEANED
AT THE JEWELER

BOOK ANY MAINTENANCE WAXING APPOINTMENTS
AROUND 7 DAYS BEFORE

PACK A DAY-OF BAG AND DOUBLE CHECK THAT
EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS IN IT (MAKE SURE YOU
HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET READY,
WEDDING BANDS, + MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE)

GET YOUR WEDDING MANICURE
ENSURE YOU HAVE DAY OF PAYMENTS READY + CASH
GRATUITY (GIVE THIS TO YOUR COORDINATOR
ON THE DAY OF SO THEY CAN DIVVY UP)

PRO TIP: GIVE YOUR COORDINATOR A BACK-UP
CARD IN CASE THE INFLUX OF CHARGES PUTS A
FRAUD HOLD ON YOURS. THIS WILL HELP AVOID A
PANICKED CONVERSATION IN THE CORNER
PACK FOR YOUR HONEYMOON