

COUNT DOWN TO YOUR WEDDING

12 Months +

- Announce your engagement
- Determine potential dates
- Envision your style and color schemes
- Investigate venue/church/officiate, service providers
- Establish a Budget Plan for your wedding
- Draft the Guest list
- Research and/or design your save the date notice, then place order
- Select wedding party and confirm their participation
- Enjoy your engagement party.

9 – 12 Months

- Select service providers
- Begin interviewing service providers and hire your selection as you settle on each
- Book your venue, church, officiate as soon as possible
- Create your wedding website
- Start shopping for your wedding dress and attendants' attire
- Select and order wedding rings
- Establish your Wedding Team – those closest to you to assist in the planning
- Establish and start your self-improvement/make over routine
- Research possible honeymoon destinations
- Research invitations and other stationery items
- Check marriage license requirements and take appropriate action
- Research wedding insurance

8-9 Months

- Ensure all service providers are decided upon and reserved
- Establish gift registry and begin to register yourself
- Order invitations and any other stationery
- Order reception favors
- Establish/sample menu options with your venue
- Research décor options for church/reception venue
ie table centerpieces, lighting, table/chair covers, etc.
- Research options for rehearsal diner/party – site and menu

6 – 8 Months

- Order your gown and brides maids dresses and the tuxedos
- Reserve accommodations required for guest/family/bridal party
- Finalize and confirm bookings for all service providers
- Research and register for dance lessons to choreograph your first dance.
- Finalize Guest list and send Save the Date Notice
- Choose the mothers' outfits

4 – 5 Months

- Research hairdresser/makeup for bridal party and make appointments for a dress rehearsal if you are happy with the results schedule hair/makeup/nails to be done the day of the wedding for your party
- Address and mail invitations
- Plan pre-wedding, post- wedding and rehearsal parties
- Book honeymoon and arrange passports (if necessary), health checks required for travelling
- Finalize your ceremony and choose those you want to participate in various parts of your ceremony,
ie readers, ushers and related religious traditions as appropriate
- Select and order wedding rings
- Ensure all service providers are finalized and confirm time and date
- Arrange miscellaneous services, rental items needed
- Have wedding party purchase shoes and accessories and start to break in your shoes
- Select wedding favors

1-3 Months

- Shop for than you gifts for bridal party, parents and others as appropriate
- Prepare shot list for the photographer/videographer
- Make arrangements to preserve your bridal bouquet and gown
- Place the wedding announcement in the newspaper
- Purchase wedding accessories (guest book/pen, ring pillow, etc.)
- Enjoy your bridal showers, stags, stag and doe, etc.
- Send thank you note after bridal showers, etc.

1 Month

- Arrange for marriage license
- Finalize all loose ends with service providers and plans for ceremony/reception/post wedding parties and any other actives around the wedding
- Schedule final fittings for bridal gown, wedding party, and tux for the men.
- Establish the seating plan for the reception
- Finalize the wedding day itinerary
- If changing your name, check requirements with appropriate agencies,
 - Driver's license
 - Social security card
 - Insurance policies
 - Subscriptions
 - Bank accounts
- Find “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue” to wear on your wedding day. Don't forget the shinning penny for your Shoe! All for good luck!

1 Week

- Check in with all service providers for final arrangements, last minute changes, and final payments
- Pick up wedding gown, dresses and all accessories if not done so
- Pick up rings
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements and start packing
- Determine the order for the procession
- Decide if wedding favors are to be placed on tables, self-serve table or someone is to hand out
 - If handing out choose that individual _____
- Arrange someone to return any rented items after the wedding
- Write any checks required on the wedding day
- Identify service providers that are to receive a tip, determine the amount, place cash in sealed envelopes with a thank you note
- Prepare and emergency repair kit consisting of safety pins, extra hosiery, tissues, aspirin, whatever is needed to be prepared to deal with the unexpected.
- Take time to review all arrangements with your Wedding Team to ensure all has been complete and nothing missed.
- Now would be a great time to create a booklet outlining all contacts, wedding party and contact numbers for them, time schedules for events on the day and provide to your wedding team. This will allow the team to deal with issues should they arise on the wedding day for you.

The Day Before

- Ceremony Rehearsal
- Review details with your attendants to ensure they know where they need to be and when
 - Remind them of any duties and responsibilities they are to carry out
- Arrange for a friend to drive your car to the reception site should you require it
- Arrange for someone to bring accessories required for the ceremony and reception and ensure they have all items

Rehearsal Dinner

- Thank and hand out gifts to your attendant's and wedding team
- Prepare a package for your Maid of Honor to have available to assist you on the Day. This could include any personal affects needed for the day, emergency kit, any items that you may need access to on the day.
- Prepare a similar package for your Best Man to assist the groom. This should include:
 - The envelopes containing tips for appropriate service providers
 - Checks for any last minute payments needed
 - Wedding rings
 - Marriage license
 - Any personal items

On The Day

- Provide Best Man and Maid of Honor their packages
- Ensure you eat at least a small meal – it's a very long and exciting day it is important to eat.
- Attend hair and makeup appointments
- You have it all arranged, just follow your schedule, relax and trust in your Wedding Team!

IT'S THE MOMENT YOUR'VE DREAMED OF, PLANNED TOGETHER FOR MONTHS AND NOW IT IS
TIME FOR YOU TO MARRY THE ONE YOU LOVE AND ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

CONGRATULATIONS