

12+ MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Set a Budget

Determine how much you're willing to spend and who's contributing.

Create a Guest List

Start drafting your guest list (keep it flexible for changes).

Choose Your Wedding Date

Consider season, venue availability, and guest travel.

Hire a Wedding Planner (if desired)

If you want extra help, hire a planner to assist with coordination.

Choose Your Wedding Theme & Style

Decide on a style, color scheme, and vibe (classic, rustic, modern, etc.).

Book Your Venue(s)

Reserve the ceremony and reception venues.

Hire Key Vendors

Book photographer, videographer, caterer, and wedding DJ/band.

Start Looking for Wedding Attire

Begin shopping for your dress, groom's attire, and bridal party outfits.

Create a Wedding Website

Set up a website for details, RSVP, and registry info.

Hire Officiant

Book the person who will marry you.



6-9 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Finalize Your Guest List

Narrow it down and make any necessary adjustments.

Order Your Wedding Dress

Custom dresses or alterations may take longer, so order early.

Book Florist and Decor

Choose your flowers and discuss your décor vision.

Select Your Cake Baker

Schedule tastings and select your wedding cake design.

Book Hair and Makeup Artists

Schedule trials to ensure you love your look.

Reserve Your Wedding Transportation

Arrange for a limo, vintage car, or other transportation options.

Choose Music and Songs

Select key songs for the ceremony, first dance, and reception.

Register for Gifts

Create your wedding registry at a few stores or online.



4-6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Finalize Details with Vendors

Confirm contracts, payments, and final details with all vendors.

Create a Wedding Day Timeline

Work with your planner or coordinator to set times for

hair, makeup, ceremony, reception, etc.

Send Out Invitations

Mail your formal wedding invitations (typically 8-10 weeks before).

Choose Wedding Rings

Pick out wedding bands for both partners.

Start Pre-Marital Counseling (if required)

If your officiant requires counseling, make sure to schedule sessions.



2-4 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Finalize the Guest List

Double-check RSVPs, track who's attending.

Create a Seating Chart

Start deciding where guests will sit at the reception.

Schedule Dress Fittings

Schedule fittings for the bride and bridal party as needed.

Confirm Wedding Day Transportation

Finalize arrangements with the driver(s).

Finalize Music Playlist with DJ/Band

Discuss the specific songs you want, and ensure the DJ has your "must-play" and "do-not-play" lists.

Plan Wedding Day Emergency Kit

Pack items like extra makeup, deodorant, safety pins, and band-aids.



1-2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Apply for Marriage License

Don't forget to check the local marriage license requirements.

Confirm Wedding Details with All Vendors

Double-check logistics (arrival times, special requests, etc.).

Final Dress Fitting

Ensure all alterations are completed.

Assign Wedding Day Roles

Assign tasks to bridesmaids, groomsmen, and family to help on the day.

Finalize Wedding Day Timeline

Share your timeline with vendors, bridal party, and family.

Write Vows (if applicable)

Start writing your vows, if you're personalizing them.



1-2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING:

Confirm Final RSVP Count

Finalize your headcount for the caterer and venue.

Finalize Payments

Pay off any remaining balances with your vendors.

Pick Up Wedding Attire

Make sure your wedding dress, groom's attire, and accessories are ready.

Rehearsal Dinner

Host a rehearsal dinner for the bridal party, close family, and friends.

Create and Pack Wedding Day Essentials

Ensure everything needed for the day is ready (shoes, rings, vows, etc.).





WEDDING WEEK

Relax & Enjoy!

Take some time for self-care, stay calm, and get some rest.

Rehearse the Ceremony

Have a rehearsal with your bridal party and officiant.

Deliver Final Payments

Ensure any outstanding payments are settled.

Have a Backup Plan

Confirm backup plans for

weather, transportation, or other unexpected events.



DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING:

Rest & Rehearse

Ensure you have everything packed, and enjoy a restful evening.

Delegate Final Tasks

Ensure someone is assigned to manage last-minute tasks on your behalf.

