

yeah WEDDINGS COMPLETE Wedding Planning Checklist

12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Announce your engagement!
- Consider throwing an engagement party
- Get engagement photos taken
- Discuss your budget and determine who is paying for what
- Decide on an ideal wedding date, with alternatives in mind
- Choose the members of your wedding party
- Create a first draft of your guest list
- Hire a wedding planner, if you plan on working with one
- Visit wedding venues for your ceremony and reception. Book your wedding venue ideally one year before your wedding, or at least at 9 months out
- Begin researching wedding vendors in your area

10-11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research wedding themes and decor to decide on your overall wedding look
- Start looking at save the date ideas to design your own
- Consider your wedding beauty plan; begin a wellness routine
- Begin to research and hire vendors that tend to book up quickly, such as:
 - Wedding photographer and videographer
 - Caterers
 - Entertainment (band or DJ)
 - Florists
 - Day-of Coordinator
 - Officiant
- Begin pre cana or other pre-marital counselling, if necessary
- Begin looking at wedding dresses

8-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create your wedding website
- Block hotel rooms at local hotels for guests
- Buy your wedding dress, veil, undergarments, and accessories
- Fine-tune your guest list and confirm guest addresses
- Create a wedding registry
- Start looking at invitation designs and ideas
- Pick out bridal party dresses and schedule fittings, if necessary
- Begin planning your honeymoon, if you plan to take it directly after your wedding

6-7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize guest list
- Send out save-the-dates
- Book the rehearsal dinner venue (if you are planning this event)
- Order rental items for the venue, including but not limited to:
 - Special tables or chairs
 - Linens
 - Lighting
 - Decorative Furniture
 - Tents
 - Other Decor
- Hire sound and lighting professionals, if necessary
- Research wedding day hair and makeup ideas
- Schedule wedding cake tastings and decide on wedding desserts
- Schedule bachelor and bachelorette parties
- Decide what the groomsmen will wear
- Buy the bride and grooms' wedding bands

4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book transportation for guests
- Book transportation for the bride, groom, and their wedding parties
- Book bride and groom's room for the wedding night
- Book honeymoon travel and accommodations
- Schedule final dress fittings for the bride and bridesmaids if necessary
- Plan the rehearsal dinner details
- Order your wedding cake or other desserts
- Pick a design and order wedding invitations
- Meet with the officiant to confirm the plans for the ceremony
- Discuss wedding playlist with the DJ or band
- Buy or rent the groom's tuxedo
- Book hair and makeup artists for the big day
- Decide on floral arrangements with florist, or plan on how to make your own
- Confirm bridal shower details with your bridal party

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Pick out groomsmen attire and schedule fittings, if necessary
- Meet with hair and makeup artists for trials
- Meet with your caterer to finalize the reception menu
- Create menu cards for the reception
- Create and print ceremony programs
- Send out wedding invitations
- Plan out a seating chart for the ceremony and reception
- Confirm wedding readers, their readings, and other ceremony details like music
- Rent, purchase, or DIY decor for the ceremony and reception
- Plan and purchase wedding favors

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Organize and track RSVPs
- Send rehearsal dinner invitations and finalize any details
- Enjoy your bachelor and bachelorette parties!
- Confirm details with all vendors
- Write your vows if you haven't already done so
- Confirm fittings and purchases or rentals for everyone in the wedding party and the parents, and ensure details like shoes, accessories, hair, and others are confirmed
- Create a schedule for your wedding day to share with vendors, the wedding party, and venue
- Apply for your marriage license
- Purchase fine details, such as:
 - Guest book
 - Flower girl basket
 - Card box
 - Cake stand
 - Cake topper
 - Cake cutting tools
 - Table numbers
 - Welcome signs
 - Seating displays
 - Garment bags

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Purchase alcohol if you're providing it; if not, confirm bar plans with the venue
- Purchase thank you gifts for your wedding party
- Order place cards
- Walk through the venue one last time with your wedding planner or day-of coordinator
- Pick up wedding bands if you haven't yet. Ensure they fit!
- Update your guest list as you receive RSVPs
- Go back through our checklist to double-check any details you may have missed!

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Follow up with guests who did not RSVP
- Give final headcount to venue and caterers
- Get any beauty treatments done (hair color, facials, spa days, waxing, etc.)
- Complete last minute decor DIY crafts
- Make a plan for the day-of the wedding and delegate tasks
- Break in your wedding day shoes

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Get your bridal manicure and pedicure
- Give any final requests to vendors
- Prepare vendor payments and tip money
- Prepare your bag for the big day
- Practice delivering your vows
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Clean your ring

THE DAY BEFORE

- Eat healthy, nutritious meals
- Drink plenty of water
- Attend wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Pack everything you need for the wedding day
- Get a good night's sleep!

THE DAY OF

- Don't forget to eat!
- Stay hydrated
- Take dresses and tuxes out of garment bags and steam them if necessary
- Delegate any last minute tasks
- Give the wedding bands and officiant payment to the best man to handle
- Thank your vendors, family, and friends for their help
- Enjoy your wedding day and try to live in the moment!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Send thank you cards
- Ensure all rentals are returned
- Preserve your wedding dress
- Follow up with your photographer for photos
- Start the name change process if you're taking a new last name

LIST OF VENDORS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Venue | <input type="checkbox"/> DJ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Planner | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day-Of or Venue Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Baker/Bakery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Designer | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair stylist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer | <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup artist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bartender | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeweler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florist | <input type="checkbox"/> Seamstress for alterations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Videographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Invitation Services |