

wedding planning checklist

This checklist is going to zap the stress out of wedding planning for you! It organizes wedding planning tasks month by month, so you know exactly what you should be focusing on leading up to your wedding. It's time to stress less and enjoy this season of being engaged— it'll be gone before you know it!

12
months

pro tip:

HOLD OFF on looking at venues until you have made a guest list and set your budget. This will save you the headache of losing a deposit on a venue that can't accommodate your guest list or budget.

Set a date Determine budget Decide wedding style Draft guest list Explore ceremony & reception venue options Start assembling dream team of wedding vendors Schedule engagement photos Choose wedding party Create wedding website Begin browsing Save the Date designs Order sample Save the Date Order Save the Dates Begin researching wedding dress & veil styles Create wedding style mood board on Pinterest Schedule engagement photos Choose wedding party

10/11 months

- Hire vendors
- Reserve ceremony & reception venues
- Purchase wedding dress, veil, and undergarments
- Choose bridal party attire & accesories
- Book officiant
- Mail Save the Dates

pro tip:

Curious what order to book your vendors in?

12 Venue Planner Photographer Videographer

Photographer Videographer Caterer/Cake

8/9 months

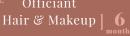
- Browse wedding invitation designs
- Refine guest list
- Create gift registry
- Begin planning honeymoon
- Find hotels at different price points for out-of-town guests & reserve room block

6/7 months

- Reserve rentals
- Order thank you cards
- Decide on groomsmen attire
- Purchase wedding bands
- Choose cake style & schedule tastings (YUM!)
- Personalize & order wedding invitation sample
- Book transportation to and from venue
- Meet with officiant to plan ceremony
- Personalize & order wedding invitation sample



Florist
DJ/Musicians
Officiant
Hair & Makeun



4/5 months	 □ Order wedding cake □ Meet with florist □ Schedule dress fittings □ Book honeymoon flights & hotels + room for wedding night □ Send guest list to shower hosts □ Prepare a playlist for DJ/band □ Finalize guest list □ Compile rehearasal dinner guest list □ Book rehearsal dinner venue □ Order rehearsal dinner invitations
3 months	Hair & makeup trial Book photo booth rental Finalize readers & readings for ceremony Finalize honeymoon plans and ensure all documents are in order Plan reception seating Finalize reception menu with caterer Order menu cards Purchase toasting flutes, serving pieces, guestbook, flower basket & ring bearer pillow
2 months	 Mail wedding invitations Begin writing vows Review ceremony details with officiant Finalize seating arrangements Buy wedding-party gifts Apply for marriage license Purchase gifts for guests Lay out content for wedding programs Finalize fittings for wedding party & parents Decide on "something old, something borrowed, & something blue." Book spa & beauty treatments for you & bridal party Buy wedding-party gifts Create wedding day timelines & send to vendors, officiant & wedding party

1 month	Final dress fitting Pick up marriage license Call vendors to confirm date, time & location Confirm honeymoon reservations Pick up wedding rings Order wedding programs Attend wedding shower(s) Buy wedding shoes
2 weeks	Begin breaking in wedding shoes Make arrangements for pets/plans while on honeymoon Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd Give final guest count to caterer Send playlist to DJ/band/ceremony musicians Get haircut & freshen up color Update registries Send directions to wedding day transportation driver Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals & tend to wedding dress
1 week	Prepare wedding day emergency kit Give photographer/videographer your image & video requests Give readers their scripts Prepare final payments to vendors & cash tips for service personnel Lay out wedding clothes & gather all accessories Pack for honeymoon Finalize vows

ONE day before

Treat yourself to a mani/pedi & massage
Make sure everything's laid out & packed for wedding day
Attend wedding rehearsal
Have fun at rehearsal dinner
Thank everyone around you
Get lots of sleep!

YAY
wedding day!

	Eat a good breakfast + mobile order some Starbucks!
	Stay off feet as much as possible
	Allow plenty of time to get ready
	Drink water (order with your Starbs!)
	Take dress & veil out of the bag & have steamed if needed
	Lay out all items you want to be captured by photographer
	Give officiant fee & wedding rings to best man
	Exchange notes with fiancé
	Relax, smile & soak up every moment of your big day!

POST wedding

	Ensure tuxes & all rentals have been returned
	Get wedding dresses to cleaners
	Aim to send out thank you cards within 3 weeks of wedding day

I know this list may seem overwhelming, but if you stick to the timeline your day should go off without a hitch!

ENJOY

your that low-stress wedding planning!

HAVING A SHORTER ENGAGEMENT? NO PROBLEM.

For the couples with a shorter engagement, you can still use this guide to pull off your dream wedding! My husband and I were engaged for 5.5 months and our ´day was perfect + planning wasn't overly stressful. If you have 6 months to plan before your wedding then condense this list and try to get everything listed at the 12 month mark done by your first month. From there you should be on schedule for everything else.