



Brides Checklist

12 – 18 months

- _____ Purchase Engagement Rings
- _____ Set Wedding Budget
- _____ Set Wedding Date & Time _____
- _____ Decide type of Wedding (Informal or Formal) _____
- _____ Determine number of guest to be invited _____
- _____ Select Ceremony Site _____ Phone: _____
- _____ Select Reception Site _____ Phone: _____
- _____ Choose Photographer _____ Phone: _____
- _____ Choose Caterer _____ Phone: _____
- _____ Choose Videographer _____ Phone: _____
- _____ Interview Wedding Consultants

6 – 12 months

- _____ Final Selection on Wedding Rings
- _____ Arrange Date and Time to Take Engagement Photos _____
- _____ Send Engagement Announcement to Newspaper
- _____ Send Engagement Announcement by email to friends
- _____ Open joint bank accounts
- _____ Take dancing lessons for first dance if you wish (start practicing)
- _____ Choose and order Wedding Gown
- _____ Reserve Limousine/ Wedding Transportation
- _____ Choose color theme for wedding
- _____ Choose bridal party
- _____ Select Bridesmaid Dresses – Keep in mind the height of your bridesmaids and make sure the dress you select can be made long enough.
- _____ Plan details of decorations (Balloons, Flowers, Colors etc)
- _____ Select Florist
- _____ Select Musicians (Live Band, DJ, Harpist)
- _____ Select Officiant (Pastor, Judge) for wedding ceremony
- _____ Select Hair & Make-up Artist
- _____ Shop for Trousseau & Going away attire
- _____ Make Honeymoon Plans – the sooner the better as most resorts book prime dates up to a year in advance.
- _____ Obtain or Update Passport for International Travel – This can take up to 6 months.

4 – 6 months

- _____ Schedule your Bridal Photos with your Photographer

- _____ Consult with Attorneys (Prenuptial Agreement and other legal matters)
- _____ Update Immunization for out of country travel
- _____ Select Bridal Registry items
- _____ Have Bridal Shower (4-6 months)
- _____ Address & Send out Invitations (Move to 4-6 months)
- _____ Select Music for Wedding Ceremony and Reception
- _____ Reserve rental equipment if needed
- _____ Prepare accommodations for Out of Town Guest
- _____ Plan Bridal Shower Party
- _____ Plan Bridesmaid luncheon
- _____ Purchase Veil and Bridal Accessories – See Bridal Accessories Checklist
- _____ Purchase gifts for Bridal Party – See Gift Ideas
- _____ Make appointment for practice session for Hair & Make-up
- _____ Order Wedding Favors
- _____ Review plans for Wedding Ceremony & Reception
- _____ Have Mothers choose their own dresses
- _____ Make Honeymoon Plans

2 – 3 months

- _____ Pick-up wedding rings – make sure they fit and are engraved correctly
- _____ Update Immunization for out of country travel
- _____ Send out Invitations to Out of Town Guest
- _____ Purchase Gifts for each other
- _____ Apply for Marriage License
- _____ Select & Coordinate Wedding Ceremony Program
- _____ Appoint Guestbook Attendants for Wedding Ceremony & Reception
- _____ Confirm Out of Town Guest accommodations
- _____ Get your Hair Trimmed
- _____ Confirm & Finalize details with Florist
- _____ Confirm Rehearsal Program Officiant
- _____ Confirm Guest count with Caterer/Restaurant
- _____ Final Fitting for Bridesmaids Dresses & Wedding Gown
- _____ Select Tux Styles for Groomsmen & Fathers
- _____ Finalize Wedding Day Schedule (Itinerary)
- _____ Confirm Transportation Schedule
- _____ Reserve restaurant for rehearsal dinner
- _____ Have Bachelor Party (Groom)
- _____ Change mailing address if moving
- _____ Have Formal Bridal Portrait taken
- _____ Review Checklist for Wedding Day Ceremony & Reception
- _____ Make reservations for Bridesmaids luncheon
- _____ Complete Trousseau shopping
- _____ Hire security for wedding reception (if necessary)

1 Month

- _____ Call guests that have not yet RSVP'd
- _____ Get your teeth cleaned/whiten
- _____ Confirm honeymoon plans & pick-up airline tickets
- _____ Assign Wedding day helpers
- _____ Keep track of gifts received and start on thank you notes
- _____ Arrange for a professional to preserve and heirloom your Gown & Bouquet or

consider a Trash The Dress session with your photographer for one last time in your Dress after the honeymoon. This can be done with or without your new husband.

- _____ Pick-up Bridesmaids Dresses & Wedding Gown (Already Pressed)
- _____ Start seating arrangement & prepare seating name cards
- _____ Final Guest count with Caterer/Restaurant (this needs to be done 14 days before wedding)
- _____ Confirm final details with Florist
- _____ Confirm final details with Photographer
- _____ Confirm final details with Officiant
- _____ Confirm final details with Videographer
- _____ Confirm final details with Baker
- _____ Confirm final details with Restaurant/Caterer
- _____ Confirm final details with Coordinator
- _____ Confirm final details for Wedding Transportation
- _____ Confirm final details with Bridal party
- _____ Confirm final details with Wedding Helpers
- _____ Confirm final details with Rental Equipment Company
- _____ Confirm final details with Musicians
- _____ Double Check Attire and Accessories for Bridal Party & Yourself
- _____ Confirm schedule for Hair & Make-up Artist
- _____ Plan and create Wedding Day Itinerary (15 minute interval)
- _____ Get a Facial

1 Week

- _____ Arrange for Postal Office to hold or forward your mail during your honeymoon
- _____ Relax – take a long leisurely bath
- _____ Re-confirm with Travel Agent or Airlines
- _____ Review all seating arrangement with ushers and helpers
- _____ Pack for Honeymoon Trip
- _____ Arrange for Bridal Party, Parents & Family and Photographer and Videographer to all meet at a designated location (when taking pictures prior to the Wedding ceremony)

1 – 2 Days

- _____ Get a Manicure & Pedicure
- _____ Get a Massage
- _____ Attend Wedding Rehearsal Dinner
- _____ Pick-up Rental Tux for Groomsmen (Groom or Bestman)
- _____ Prepare Final payment in individual envelopes for each Professional
- _____ Relax, make sure you have a bed to sleep in and get a good nights rest

Wedding Day

- _____ Nice long bath or shower - Relax
- _____ Make Time to get something nutritious to eat throughout the day. This is very important! You don't want to be the bride that passes out due to starvation.
- _____ Go to Hair & Make-up appointment
- _____ Get Dressed
- _____ Relax and Have Fun – It's your Wedding Day!