

TIMETABLE

Careful planning will enable you to truly enjoy every moment of your Wedding Day. Arrangements for a large formal wedding should ideally begin at least 8 - 12 months in advance; however, many beautiful weddings are put together in considerably less time. The important thing is to follow a timetable; read the articles in this guide; and let your contracted suppliers help you. Share the planning duties with your fiancé, your families, and your attendants - much of the fun is doing it together!

Six to Twelve Months

- Decide budget; discuss sharing of expenses.
- Decide type of wedding. formal semi-formal informal
- Choose location of ceremony. _____ Phone _____
- Discuss alternative dates with clergy or officiator.
- Decide size of wedding party, choose attendants.
- Select gown style. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Select veil style. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Select attendants' apparel. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Choose reception facility. _____ Phone _____
- Select caterer/wedding consultant. _____ Phone _____
- Plan details of reception (see article).
- Select photographer (see article). _____ Phone _____
- Have engagement photos taken. Date _____ Phone _____
- Select music for reception. _____ Phone _____
- Select videographer: (see article) _____ Phone _____
- Select florist. (see article) _____ Phone _____
- Compile families' invitation list. Bride's _____ Groom's _____
- Discuss gown colors and styles with mothers of bride & groom.

Four to Six Months

- Select men's formal wear; order. _____ Phone _____
- Select ceremony musicians and music. _____ Phone _____
- Make honeymoon plans. Travel Agent _____ Phone _____
- Decide on new living arrangement: buying, renting, or leasing?
- Consult decorator about home decor. _____ Phone _____
- Register gift preferences with one or more bridal registries.
Registries: _____, _____, _____
- Order invitations, personal stationery, programs, napkins, etc.
Stationer: _____ Del. Date _____ Phone _____
- Professionally prepare and print map to include with invitations.
- Set aside hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- Have physical examinations and update immunizations.
- Buy wedding rings; order engraving.

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Two to Four Months

- Reserve rental items; candelabra, arches, canopy, linens, etc.
- Arrange rehearsal dinner: _____ Phone _____
- Shop for trousseau and apparel for honeymoon; prenuptial parties.
- Reserve limousine, carriage, trolley, or coach transportation.
- Address wedding invitations; consider professional calligrapher.
- Review florists arrangements, finalize order.
- Buy attendants' gifts and your gifts for each other.
- Experiment with hairstyles and makeup changes.
- Buy bride's and attendants' shoes - send to dyer.
- Order wedding and groom's cakes.

One to Two Months

- Mail invitations four to six weeks before wedding.
- Call all your contacted services to confirm arrangements.
- Final bridal fitting. Date _____ Time _____
- Final attendants' fittings. Date _____ Time _____
- Confirm honeymoon trip reservations, begin packing.
- Select reception decorations: balloons, candles, flowers, table favors.
- Select ceremony accessories: handbag, garter, engraved goblets, guest mementos.
- Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or luncheon. Details _____
- Buy marriage license; have blood tests if needed.

Two Weeks

- Schedule appointments for hair stylist, facial, manicure, massage.
- Appointments: _____, _____, _____
- Invite wedding party and guests to rehearsal dinner.
- Move your personal and mutual belongings to new home.
- Review reception seating and order place cards from calligrapher.
- Confirm out-of-town guests lodging with reserved hotels.
- Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times.
- Record gifts as you receive them; write thank you notes.
- Schedule caterer for gift opening party. _____ Phone _____
- Arrange for gown cleaning and bouquet preservation after wedding.

One to Two Weeks

- Pick up wedding rings, check engravings and sizings.
- Final consultations: florist, musicians, photographer, videographer.
- Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer.
- Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes. Check for fit.
- Make a wedding day schedule and give everyone copies at rehearsal dinner.
- Relax the day before; keep personal appointments; finish honeymoon packing.
- Your planning is complete. Your day will be wonderful.