

Wedding Planning Timeline Checklist

A month-by-month guide to help you stay on track from 18 months out to “I do!”



18 Months Out

- Set your wedding budget
- Create your guest list
- Hire a wedding planner (if using one)
- Choose your wedding date
- Book your venue(s)



12 Months Out

- Book photographer & videographer
- Hire caterer
- Choose a theme/colors
- Book entertainment (DJ/band)
- Shop for your wedding dress
- Shop for wedding party attire
- Send save-the-dates (if doing them)
- Start planning honeymoon



9 Months Out

- Choose wedding party attire
- Order your wedding dress/suit
- Finalize guest list
- Schedule engagement photo session
- Start designing your wedding website



6 Months Out

- Book florist
- Book Cake Baker
- Book hair & makeup artist
- Choose and order wedding invitations
- Arrange transportation
- Plan rehearsal dinner



4 Months Out

- Finalize menu with caterer
- Schedule dress fittings
- Choose wedding favors
- Purchase wedding bands
- Book accommodations for out-of-town guests

2 Months Out

- Mail wedding invitations
- Create wedding day timeline
- Confirm all vendor details
- Apply for marriage license
- Write vows and/or speeches

1 Month Out

- Final dress fitting
- Create seating chart
- Confirm RSVPs
- Prepare welcome bags
- Break in your wedding shoes

1 Week Out

- Final headcount to caterer
- Pack for honeymoon
- Delegate wedding-day tasks
- Final wedding-day timeline
- Get beauty treatments (facial, waxing, nails)
- Rehearsal dinner + wedding rehearsal

Wedding Day!

- Eat breakfast!
- Stay hydrated
- Soak it all in—YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED!