

WEDDING DETAILS & PLANNING CHECKLIST

Your Complete Guide to Planning, Personalizing, and Enjoying Your Wedding Day | Well Chosen Weddings

A Note From Chris

Planning your dream wedding should be an exciting, milestone experience, not a source of constant stress. This master timeline is designed to break down the big-picture pieces into bite-sized, actionable tasks. Take it one phase at a time, celebrate the small decisions, and always make space for the cute details that highlight who you are as a couple.

*Wishing you a beautiful planning experience,
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1. PRE-WEDDING PLANNING (12-18 MONTHS)

Set budget & priorities

Budget goals / priorities...

Draft guest list

Target guest count...

Choose wedding date & venue

Date & venue options...

Hire wedding planner (optional)

Planner info...

Book ceremony & reception venues

Secured locations...

Research vendors (photographer, baker, florist, music)

Top vendor choices...

Decide on wedding theme or style

Aesthetic details...

Cute detail idea:

Consider a wedding hashtag or a small theme for decor that reflects your personalities.

2. 6-12 MONTHS BEFORE

4. 1-3 MONTHS BEFORE (CONT.)

Final dress fittings

Fitting schedule...

Plan ceremony details (music, readings, service order)

Ceremony itinerary...

Choose wedding favors

Favor orders...

Choose catering options or menu tasting

Menu selections...

Cute detail idea:

Personalized escort cards or a small favor for each guest.

5. 2-4 WEEKS BEFORE

Confirm RSVPs & guest list

Final count...

Create seating chart

Chart arrangement link/notes...

Break in wedding shoes

Status...

Shop for wedding dress & attire for bridal party

Attire notes / boutiques...

Book photographer & videographer

Media team info...

Book entertainment (DJ, band)

Entertainment partner...

Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests

Hotel block details...

Plan engagement photos or engagement party

Event details...

Create a preliminary registry

Registry links / platforms...

Cute detail idea:

Plan a "first look" location or special entrance moment.

3. 3-6 MONTHS BEFORE

Send save-the-dates

Mailing date / status...

Hire transportation (if needed)

Shuttle or limo details...

Finalize playlist with DJ/band

Music list submission...

Prepare speeches or toasts

Speaker notes...

Pack for honeymoon

Packing tracker...

Cute detail idea:

Prepare a "day-of" emergency kit (bobby pins, stain remover, snacks, safety pins, tissues).

6. WEDDING WEEK

Delegate tasks to bridal party or coordinator

Assigned tasks...

Confirm deliveries & timings with vendors

Delivery log check...

Get manicure/pedicure

Appointment info...

Pack for honeymoon

Final luggage verify...

Rehearsal & rehearsal dinner

Event coordinates...

Try to rest & hydrate

Order invitations & stationery

Stationery vendor...

Schedule hair & makeup trials

Trial dates & times...

Plan honeymoon & travel documents

Destinations / passport logs...

Arrange rehearsal dinner

Rehearsal dinner venue...

Cute detail idea:

Include a surprise for your partner during the ceremony or reception (song, vows, or small gift).

4. 1-3 MONTHS BEFORE

Mail invitations

Mail out target date...

Finalize floral arrangements

Florist choices...

Confirm vendor contracts & timelines

Confirmation logs...

Self care notes...

Cute detail / Welcome bag check:

Write a small note to each other to read the morning of the wedding. Finalize welcome bags.

7. WEDDING DAY

Eat breakfast

Breakfast plan...

Hair & makeup

Getting ready window...

Photography & videography timeline

Media window times...

Ceremony checklist (vows, rings, music cues)

Ceremony check...

Reception timeline (first dance, cake, speeches)

Reception check...

Keep emergency kit handy

Kit location/holder...

Enjoy your day! Be in the moment

Time to celebrate!

Cute detail idea:

Plan a small private moment together away from guests if possible.

8. POST-WEDDING

Send thank-you notes

Progress log...

Preserve gown & bouquet (if desired)

Preservation services...

Review vendors and leave testimonials

Completed reviews...

Unpack & enjoy honeymoon memories

Memories / scrapbooking...

Cute detail idea:
Make a photo book or scrapbook of your favorite wedding moments.