

Bridal Checklist

6-12 MONTHS AHEAD

- Announce your engagement
- Set the wedding date and send "Save the Date" cards
- Create a wedding budget
- Determine your wedding style - formal or informal, big or small
- Decide on the number of guests you will invite
- Have your family and the groom's family prepare their invitation lists
- Hire a wedding consultant, if desired
- Decide who will perform the ceremony
- Choose a location for the ceremony and reception
- Choose your attendants
- Start shopping for your dress and accessories
- Start looking for a caterer, florist, DJ or band, photographer and videographer
- If you are getting married in a church or synagogue, meet with the officiant to discuss the ceremony and to arrange pre-marital counseling, if required.

4-6 MONTHS AHEAD

- Order the invitations, announcements, programs, and thank-you cards
- Book calligrapher for the invitations, if using one
- Select and order Bridesmaids' dresses and shoes
- Urge your mother and future mother-in-law to shop for their dresses
- Decide what the groom and his attendants will wear
- Register for gifts
- Plan your honeymoon and make reservations
- Purchase wedding rings
- Buy stockings and special lingerie that your dress requires
- Choose reception favors
- Choose gifts for attendants and your groom
- Make a hotel reservation for your wedding night
- Make hotel reservations for your out of town guests
- Book hairstylist and makeup artist for your wedding
- Take dance lessons

2-4 MONTHS AHEAD

- Meet with caterer and decide menu
- Attend cake tasting and decide on wedding cake and groom's cake
- Discuss service with the officiant
- Choose readings and music for ceremony
- Write your wedding vows, if you choose
- Schedule your rehearsal time and dinner
- Make arrangements for rehearsal dinner
- Have your first dress fitting
- Mail invitations

1-2 MONTHS AHEAD

- Write thank you notes as gifts arrive
- Make arrangements for transportation for the two of you from the wedding site to the reception
- Buy a guest book and select someone to preside over it at the reception
- Have programs printed
- Obtain marriage license and request certified copies
- If you intend to change your name, prepare the necessary documents
- Have trial run with hairstylist and makeup artist, with veil and accessories
- Set wedding day appointments with your stylist and manicurist
- Send change of address information to the post office, if necessary
- Have your final dress fitting with your alterations
- Send wedding announcement to the local newspaper

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2-3 WEEKS AHEAD

- Have final dress fitting with accessories and lingerie
- Draw up seating plan for the reception and make card for the head table if necessary
- Notify caterer of guest count
- Write toasts for rehearsal dinner and wedding reception
- Address announcements
- Break in wedding shoes at home
- Confirm your honeymoon travel arrangements
- Designate someone to look after your home and pets while on your honeymoon
- Confirm accommodations for out of town guests.

1 WEEK AHEAD

- Confirm transportation arrangements for ceremony and reception
- Go over final details with the reception site coordinator, florist, cake baker, DJ or band, photographer and videographer
- Be sure that the attendants have everything they need for the wedding such as jewelry, shoes, and stockings
- Finalize reception seating plan, if necessary
- Pick up wedding dress
- Confirm details with caterer
- Assign specific responsibilities, such as handing out corsages and boutonnieres, to members of your wedding party
- Pack for honeymoon
- Make sure that attendants know what time to be at the rehearsal and ceremony

1 DAY AHEAD

- Write checks to all vendors, put in envelope, and give to your Maid of Honor or Best Man to pass out
- Pack everything that you will need for the ceremony
- Give announcements to an attendant for mailing after the wedding
- Make arrangements with the Best Man to return all tuxedo rentals
- Have manicure and pedicure
- Rehearse ceremony
- Hold rehearsal dinner and give gifts to attendants and parents to show your appreciation for their support, if you desire

THE WEDDING DAY

- Eat something for breakfast - this will be a long day ahead
- Give your Maid of Honor and Best Man the wedding bands
- See your hair stylist and makeup artist for final preparations
- Gather your dress and accessories and head to the ceremony
- GET MARRIED!

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