

P LANNING TIPS

9-12 months before wedding date:

- Set a date for the wedding
- Decide on style & size of wedding
- Set an event budget
- Select a wedding consultant
- Begin shopping for your gown, headpiece & accessories

Select and reserve:

- Ceremony & reception sites
- Photographer
- Meet with Wedding Officiant
- Decide on your honeymoon location
- Choose members of the wedding party
- Begin your guest list

6-9 months before wedding date:

Interview and select:

- Caterer
- Videographer
- Musician(s) & other entertainment
- Floral for bridal party, ceremony & reception
- Order your gown
- Select & order attire for bridesmaids' & groomsmen
- Choose color scheme and start planning decorations
- Order Save the Date cards & Invitations,
- Finalize the guest list
- Create a list tracking for gifts & thank-you notes
- Send save-the-date cards to out-of-town guests
- Select store(s) for bridal registry
- Begin bridal registry process
- Begin planning wedding ceremony
- Finalize honeymoon reservations
- Reserve equipment, such as tables, chairs, or tents

3-6 months before wedding date:

- Select and order your wedding cake
- Finalize reception menu
- Ensure deposits are paid and contracts are signed
- Send vendors confirmation letters, including date, time & location
- Refine the guest list and be sure you have all addresses
- Hire a calligrapher
- Start addressing envelopes
- Arrange gown and bouquet preservation
- Finalize honeymoon plans
- Arrange wedding transportation
- Arrange out-of-town guest accommodations
- Schedule fittings for gown, tuxedo, attendants' dresses
- Arrange hair and makeup consultation
- Purchase wedding rings; order engraving
- Select rehearsal dinner site & make reservations

2-3 months before wedding date:

- Map out Wedding Day activities; share schedule with vendors
- Work with your entertainment team, including music selection
- Mail wedding invitations six weeks in advance
- Get marriage license
- Decide on rehearsal date and time
- Write a toast to your parents/groom's parents
- Finalize décor details with vendors
- Order wedding favors
- Finalize arrangement for bar services
- Plan your bridesmaids' party
- Buy gifts for attendants & parents
- Buy the groom's wedding gift
- Buy guest book
- Select ceremony readings and write vows
- Discuss the ceremony details with Officiant
- Purchase wedding shoes; begin breaking them in
- Ask relatives & friends to help at wedding & reception
- Arrange to have a house sitter while you're on your honeymoon
- Confirm hair and makeup appointments

2 weeks before wedding date:

- Provide caterer with final head count
- Write the reception place cards
- Schedule final fittings
- Run through hair and makeup
- Take care of your legal name change
- Submit change of address to the post office
- Discuss the ceremony seating with fiancé and ushers
- Reconfirm all reservations
- Pick up the rings
- Reconfirm your honeymoon reservations
- Pack for honeymoon!
- Write thank-you notes as you receive gifts
- Prepare payment envelopes for fees and gratuities

Day before your wedding:

- Get a manicure and pedicure
- Rehearse the wedding and attend the rehearsal dinner
- Pack things to take to the wedding site
- Mail "thank you" gifts to parents



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