

## Your 12 Month Wedding Planning Checklist

What to do and when to do it - our wedding checklist will help you keep track of where you're at with your planning to make sure you don't miss a thing!

### 12+ months before

- Sign up to **weddingsonline!**
- Discuss the wedding with your partner - what you both want and don't want
- Decide how many guests you want to invite - make a rough guest list
- Look up venues in your chosen area to find out approximate costs for your size of wedding
- Do a budget
- Decide who is paying for what - and will you accept help from family
- Take out wedding insurance if desired
- Pick a season and preferred wedding date
- Book ceremony venue
- Book reception venue
- Decide on the size of your bridal party and ask the chosen people if they'd like to be in it
- Decide what type of entertainment you want - a soloist for the church, harpist, a DJ, band etc
- Research and book photographer, videographer, band, and wedding planner if desired
- Research wedding gowns, find styles you like
- Book appointments with bridal shops to try on gowns
- Send save-the-dates, if you wish
- Make note of any DIY projects you may want doing
- Throw an engagement party
- Start wedding website or diary

Notes:

## 8-10 months before

- Research and book ceremony music
- Order your gown
- Decide on your colour scheme and/or theme for the wedding – start a mood board
- Research and reserve accommodation for guests

## 6-8 months before

- Research and book florist, hair and make-up artist
- Buy or order invitations
- Order bridesmaid dresses
- Buy bridesmaid accessories - shoes, jewellery, etc
- Book honeymoon
- Send save-the-dates if you haven't already

## 4-6 months before

- Buy lingerie for your wedding day
- Send notification of intent to marry
- Attend pre-marriage course if required
- Buy wedding rings
- Order Mass booklets
- Order favours
- Book transport
- Decide on and buy your wedding cake
- Buy your wedding shoes and accessories (veil, jewellery, etc)
- Ensure your gown fits, or get alterations done if necessary
- Plan hen and stag parties
- Renew passports if necessary

Notes:

## 3 months before

- Have make-up trial
- Have hair trial
- Send notification of intent to marry (last chance)
- Get groom and groomsmen's suits fitted
- Sort out venue decor - centrepieces, flowers, garlands, signs
- Decide on music - ceremony processional and recessional, reception entrance, first dance song
- Have any vaccinations done you may need for your honeymoon

## 2 months before

- Send invitations
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids, groomsmen and best man
- Test a tanning product if you're using one

## 1 month before

- Have final gown fitting
- Collect bridal gown and bridesmaids dresses
- Confirm menu with reception venue
- Make last-minute adjustments with vendors and confirm their services
- Agree on wedding photo list with the photographer
- Send a music list to your band/DJ
- Review final RSVP list and call any guests who have not yet responded
- Have your hen and stag nights

## 2 weeks before

- Plan reception table seating
- Buy or make table plan
- Write wedding speeches and vows

- Order foreign currency for honeymoon
- Go over this checklist to ensure you haven't forgotten anything

## **1 week before**

- Give reception venue final guest head count
- Print place and table cards
- Call all wedding vendors and confirm services
- Get hair coloured if needed
- Have beauty treatments
- Attend rehearsal with ceremony officiant
- Assign a bridesmaid or an usher to be a point of contact for all the vendors on wedding day
- Re-confirm final details with all vendors. Provide a telephone number for the wedding day
- Wear in your wedding shoes
- Decide on your "something old, something new..."
- Pack for honeymoon

## **2-3 days before**

- Collect groom and groomsmen's suits
- Call the transport company for pickup times and locations
- Get spray tan done
- Put together a wedding emergency kit

## **Day before**

- Deliver cake, favors, flowers, etc to the reception venue
- Sort out payments
- Get a manicure
- Relax

## Day of

Take in every minute of the day!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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