

Your Essential Wedding Checklist & Planner

You're Engaged- Congratulations...

Share the good news with your nearest and dearest

Discuss the type of wedding that you both would want, one that suits your personalities and your love as a couple

Start a Pinterest board or inspiration scrapbook to begin gathering ideas of your dream wedding and the styles that you love

Throw an engagement party

Enjoy this time being engaged & celebrate before the REAL planning starts!

18 months before...

Work out your finances and set a wedding budget, discuss this with your partner and be realistic

Discuss what is the most important aspects of the day that you are willing to splash more cash on

Meet with your parents and in-laws (if they are financially contributing) to discuss budgets

Research ceremony and reception venues and begin attending wedding tours and open days on their premises

Pick your bridal party: Bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girls & page boys

Make up little gifts to ask your best ladies 'Will you be my bridesmaid?'

Draft up a dream guest list

16 months before...

Register for your wedding gift list

Decide on a church wedding or civil ceremony, then book your church or registrar

Book your venue! Book popular venues far in advance, particularly if you want a summer or a Saturday wedding

Arrange a marquee if you need one

Book a caterer if the venue doesn't supply catering

Research potential wedding services and suppliers - photographer, florist, invitations, cake, decor, music, hair and make up

12 months before...

Start shopping for a wedding dress (YAY!) make appointments with your favourite bridal stores that stock your favourite designers

Book your photographer

Book your videographer (If you are having one)

Create your official guest list

Book your band, DJ and entertainment

Have a clear idea of your preferred style and colours (from your scrapbook, organiser or Pinterest board)

Research your favourite honeymoon destinations (consider the time of year you have chosen to get married)

Send save the dates, especially if you are getting married abroad or during a busy time of year

Take out wedding insurance, just in case (if you wish)

Research décor inspiration for your ceremony and reception venue

10 months before...

Book your wedding transport

Book your florist

Book your hair and makeup

Plan and book a romantic honeymoon as newlyweds

Ensure passports are valid and in-date for your honeymoon

Order wedding cake

Contact event and décor hire companies if you have decided on any theme e.g. chairs, centrepieces, tables

Start a health eating & fitness plan (if you planned to)

8 months before...

Purchase your wedding dress! This allows time for the dress to be made and for alterations

1 months before...

- Shop for bridal shoes and accessories
- Shop for and purchase bridesmaid dresses
- Reserve accommodation for staying guests (if applicable)
- Register for your wedding gift list if you haven't already done so
- Book pre-marriage counselling (if relevant)

- Apply for marriage license
- Schedule final dress fitting
- Compose any order of service or literature for the day
- Compose a draft table plan
- Confirm all details with suppliers
- Get your engagement ring cleaned

6 months before...

- Choose and order wedding invitations and stationary
- Shop for wedding rings
- Purchase groomsmen, groom and best man's suits
- Plan your hen and stag do's (particularly now if you are planning on heading abroad)
- Choose your wedding favours

1-2 week before...

- Give venue and/or caterer a final guest head count
- Compose a final seating plan
- Get the final beauty prep underway with manicures, tanning, waxing and facials
- Pack and prepare for your honeymoon
- Pack an overnight bag for the reception
- Organise final money to be paid to suppliers on the day
- Liaise with suppliers then report back to reception managers of a schedule of vendor delivery, set-up times and contact numbers
- Give wedding coordinator a timetable of the day
- Create final table plan of names
- Print or write place cards (if you haven't already ordered these as part of reception décor)
- Attend a wedding rehearsal
- Organise local currency money for your honeymoon
- Wear in your new bridal shoes to ensure you don't get sore feet on the day!

4 months before...

- Start gathering addresses for guest list
- Create a RSVP spreadsheet
- Arrange travel vaccinations for honeymoon if necessary
- Organise the legalities – give at least 3 months' notice to registrar or priest/religious celebrant
- Arrange for a tasting of the food to be served at your reception
- Attend pre-marriage counselling (if relevant)

2-3 days before...

2 months before...

- Mail your invitations to guests
- Purchase gifts for parents, bridesmaids, groomsmen and each other
- Attend your hair and makeup trial
- Begin health and beauty treatments e.g. facials to get your skin glowing
- Prepare wedding toasts and vows
- Select your song for the first dance
- Select Hymns and Order of Service / Choose readings if applicable
- Confirm music selection with band & DJ

- Take the last few days off and enjoy the run up to the big day knowing everything has been organised!
- Drop off place cards, table cards, menus, favours, table plan to reception wedding coordinator
- Ensure the cake is on track to be delivered at the venue
- Remind everyone in the family of their roles and responsibilities once again
- Get plenty of sleep (you want to be bright eyed and bushy tailed on your wedding morning!)

You've made it!
Enjoy Your Day x