

Bride's Checklist

9 – 12 months before:

- Discuss wedding plans and the budget with fiancé and other responsible parties
- Select your maid of honor, bridesmaids and flower girl
- Discuss and select venues
- Select minister, priest, or officiant
- Begin compiling guest list

6 – 9 months before:

- Begin considering items for your registry (add more items than you think you need, it gives guests more options)
- Reserve wedding-day transportation
- Reserve your wedding-night hotel room and a group of rooms at a convenient hotel for out-of-town guests
- Begin researching honeymoon locations (get a passport if needed)
- Choose a florist and flowers
- Shop for and order bridal gown and accessories
- Select bridesmaids' dresses
- Mail out save-the-date cards

4 – 6 months before:

- Order wedding invitations, thank-you notes and personal stationery
- Put the finishing touches on your guest list
- Shop for the wedding cake
- Complete your honeymoon plans
- Select and order your wedding rings
- Plan rehearsal dinner

2 – 4 months before:

- Make hair and makeup appointments for a run-through and the wedding day
- Choose gifts for your wedding party
- Choose favors, centerpieces, and guestbook
- Order the cake

1 – 2 months before:

- Mail out wedding invitations (preferably 6 – 8 weeks before the wedding)
- Have final fitting of wedding gown
- Select gift for groom
- Apply for your marriage license
- Submit song lists to musicians/band/DJ
- Decide on insurance policies and name-change documents
- Send new information to insurance carriers, banks and other institutions
- Finalize plans with all wedding vendors

2 – 4 weeks before:

- Review guest list and provide caterer with a final count
- Finalize seating arrangements and place cards for the reception
- Provide wedding party with rehearsal/wedding day schedule
- Make arrangements for gown and bouquet preservation

1 week before:

- Delegate wedding day responsibilities
- Finalize rehearsal arrangements
- Attend bachelorette party

The Wedding Day:

- Have hair and makeup done
- Allow plenty of time to get dressed
- Make sure wedding certificate is signed by best man and maid of honor
- Relax and enjoy your special day!