

Wedding Checklist...

Things to do before the Big Day!

6-12 months before

- Set a date for your wedding.
- Decide on what style of wedding you want.
- Find a good function co-ordinator.
- Set a time for the wedding and the reception.
- Set yourself a budget for the wedding.
- Interview caterers, bakers, photographers, florists, etc.
- Book a DJ, band or musician and a caterer, and photographer.
- Compile a guest list.
- Select a venue and location for the ceremony, reception and any other planned events and book them.
- Choose a bridesmaid, best man and master of ceremonies.
- Begin shopping for your wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses.
- Begin looking at honeymoon options with your fiancée. If you plan to leave the country check your passports.
- Shop for and order invitations and thank you cards.

5 months before

- Register a gift registry with a few well known shops.
- Book all wedding transportation that you plan on using. (limousines, horse drawn cart, etc.)
- Start making the wedding dress and the bridesmaids' dresses.
- Start looking for matching shoes.
- Shop for the men's (groom, best man, etc) formal wear and order it.
- Finalize honeymoon plans with fiancée and book with a travel agent.
- Finalize the music selection for the wedding and reception.
- Book a minister / marriage officer and confirm religious customs.

4 months before

- Order your wedding cake.
- Make the rehearsal dinner plans.
- Buy the wedding rings.
- Book a florist.
- Discuss the menu you want with your caterer.

3 months before

- Finalize the guest list and get all necessary addresses.
- Shop, shop, shop! Lingerie, honeymoon clothing, attendant's gifts, a gift for your fiancée, pre and post-wedding party clothes you may need.
- Visit your hairstylist, beauty therapist and make up artist, and book them.
- Organise the confetti.
- Reserve a block of rooms for your out of town guests.

2 months before

- Finalize arrangements for any rental item you may need (Candles, decorative screens, special lighting, etc.)
- Send out the wedding invitations.
- Visit your lawyer and draw up marriage contract.
- Order other printed stationery e.g. place cards.
- Have your final fittings (you and the attendees).
- Reconfirm honeymoon arrangements.

1 months before

- Chase up on late replies and finalise guest list.
- Discuss a number of possible bouquets with your florist.
- Finalise the arrangements for the reception venue and caterers.
- Arrange a seating plan for the reception.
- Make sure that all clothing for the wedding is near completion.
- Make sure everything is in order with all the key professionals you have working on your upcoming events.
- Pick up your wedding rings.
- Prepare all the necessary forms for name changes on ID book, credit cards, bank accounts, passports, etc.

1 week before

- Begin packing for your honeymoon.
- Make final checks and run through the programme with the master of ceremonies.
- Confirm final catering numbers and let your caterer know.
- Have a rehearsal for the wedding ceremony.
- Write speeches.
- Wear in your wedding shoes at home.
- Delegate family and friends to return items that have been hired.

1 day before

- Pamper yourself.
- Get everything you are going to need tomorrow ready today.
- Hand out presents to your bridesmaids and attendees.
- Contact your minister to make sure he will be there. Go to bed early.

The Big Day

- Sleep late.
- Take a long relaxing bath.
- Eat a healthy, light breakfast.
- Get your hair and make-up done
- Carefully put on your dress without disturbing your hair.
- Relax and enjoy your magical day.

Enjoy your magical day...



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