

Timetable

Careful planning and scheduling will enable you to truly enjoy every moment of your Wedding Day. Arrangements for a large formal wedding should begin at least 6 months in advance. Following the time frame of this guide will enable your suppliers to provide the best quality and service. Note: We recommend sharing some of the planning duties in this article with your fiance.

SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS

- Decide budget; discuss sharing of expenses (see article).
- Decide type of wedding. ___ formal ___ semi-formal ___ informal
- Choose location of ceremony. _____ Phone _____
- Discuss alternative dates with clergy or officiant.
- Arrange marriage preparation counseling. _____ Phone _____
- Decide size of wedding party, choose attendants.
- Select gown style. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Select veil style. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Select attendants' apparel. Shop _____ Phone _____
- Select reception facility. _____ Phone _____
- Select caterer/wedding consultant. _____ Phone _____
- Plan details of reception (see article).
- Select photographer (see article). _____ Phone _____
- Have engagement photos taken. Date _____ Time _____
- Select music for reception. _____ Phone _____
- Select videographer. _____ Phone _____
- Compile families invitation list. Bride _____ Groom _____
- Discuss gown colors and styles with mothers of bride and groom.
- Order wedding and groom's cakes.

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS

- Select men's formal wear; order. _____ Phone _____
- Select ceremony musicians and music. _____ Phone _____
- Make honeymoon plans.
- Travel Agent _____ Phone _____
- Decide on new living arrangement; buying, leasing, renting?
- Consult decorator about home decor. _____ Phone _____
- Register gift preferences with one or more bridal registries.
- Registries _____
- Order invitations, personal stationery, programs, napkins, etc.
Stationer _____ Del. Date _____ Phone _____
- Professionally prepare and print map to include with invitations.
- Set aside hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- Have physical examinations and update immunizations.
- Buy wedding rings; order engraving.
- Reserve limousine, carriage, trolley or coach transportation.

TWO TO FOUR MONTHS

- Reserve rental items; candelabra, arches, canopy, linens, etc.
- Arrange rehearsal dinner. _____
- Shop for trousseau and apparel for honeymoon; prenuptial parties.
- Address wedding invitations; consider professional calligrapher.
- Review florists' arrangements, finalize order.
- Buy attendants' gifts and your gifts for each other.
- Experiment with hairstyles and makeup changes.
- Buy bride's and attendants' shoes – send to dyer.

Phone _____

ONE TO TWO MONTHS

- Mail invitations four to six weeks before wedding.
- Call all your contracted services to confirm arrangements.
- Final bridal fitting. Date _____
- Final attendants' fittings. Date _____
- Confirm honeymoon trip reservations, begin packing.
- Select reception decorations; balloons, candles, flowers, table favors.
- Select ceremony accessories; unity candle, ring pillow, guest book, etc.
- Select personal accessories; handbag, garter, engraved goblets, guest mementos.
- Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or luncheon. Details _____
- Get marriage license; have blood tests if needed.
- Schedule appointments for hair stylist, facial, manicure, massage.

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Appointments: _____

TWO WEEKS

- Invite wedding party and guests to rehearsal dinner.
- Move your personal and mutual belongings to new home.
- Review reception seating and order place cards from calligrapher.
- Confirm out-of-town guests lodging with reserved hotels.
- Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times.
- Record gifts as you receive them; write thank you notes.
- Arrange for gown cleaning and bouquet preservation after wedding.

ONE TO TWO WEEKS

- Pick up wedding rings, check engravings and sizes.
- Final consultations; florist, musicians, photographer, videographer.
- Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer.
- Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes. Check for fit.
- Make a wedding day schedule and give everyone copies at rehearsal dinner.
- Relax the day before; keep personal appointments; finish honeymoon packing.
- Your planning is complete. Your day will be wonderful!