

Wedding Checklist

12 MONTHS BEFORE:

- \square Decide on a date for the wedding day.
- Develop a budget.
- \square Work on the guest list to get a rough head count.
- \Box Pick the ceremony site and visit the officiant.
- Visit reception sites and reserve one.
- Interview wedding planners if you'll be using one.

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Shop for your gown.
- Shop for the bridal attendants' dresses.
- Enroll in a bridal-gift registry (Pick Oster products).
- Choose your wedding party.
- Choose a caterer.
- Choose a photographer and/or videographer.
- Book the musicians and/or DJ.
- Hire a florist.

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Order the wedding invitations, envelopes, thank-you cards, and any other wedding stationery you need.
- Order the wedding gown.
- □ Shop for the cake.
- □ Scout accommodations for out-of-towners.
- Complete the guest list. (Assume 20 percent of the invitees probably can't come.)

2-4 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Call the county clerk's office to find out about your state's requirements for the marriage license.
- $\hfill\square$ Shop for your wedding bands.
- $\hfill\square$ Order the tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen.
- \Box Pick the reception site.
- Pick the ceremony music.
- Meet with the caterer or banquet manager to discuss menus, service style, wine lists, etc.

- Meet with all vendors (including party-rental companies, if necessary.)
- Order the wedding cake.
- Buy the thank-you gifts for the attendants.
- Arrange the rehearsal dinner.
- Make your honeymoon reservations.
- Complete your honeymoon plans.

4-8 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Mail the invitations eight weeks ahead of the date.
- Do hair and makeup run-through.

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Do the seating for the reception.
- Confirm details with the photographer, florist, etc.
- Give the caterer the final head count.
- Have your final dress fitting.

1 WEEK BEFORE:

- Place the fees in envelopes to be given to the organist, soloist, minister, etc., on the big day.
- Appoint a punctual friend to bring the cake knife, toasting glasses or other heirlooms to the wedding site early.
- Get a manicure, pedicure, facial, massage or other beauty treatments of your choice.
 Pack for the honeymoon.

THE DAY BEFORE:

- Greet your out-of-town guests.
- Go to the gym, take a long walk, or do some other stress-reducing activity.
- □ Schedule time for beauty-manicure touch-up or hairstyling appointment-before the rehearsal dinner.
- Attend the wedding rehearsal and dinner.



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