

CHAPTER 1

What to Do 1 Year Before Your Wedding Day



12 Months Before Your Wedding Checklist

- ☐ Announce Your Engagement
- ☐ Determine Your Budget
- ☐ Create a List of Priorities
- ☐ Brainstorm Themes
- ☐ Think About Dates
- ☐ Choose the Initial Guest List
- ☐ Think About Who Will Be in Your Wedding Party
- ☐ Consider Hiring a Planner
- ☐ Research Venues
- ☐ Note Your Favorite Wedding Dress Designs
- ☐ Get Organized



CHAPTER 2

What to Do 9 to 11 Months Before Your Wedding

11 Months

- ☐ Tour Venues
- ☐ Research and Interview Caterers
- ☐ Plan an Engagement Party
- ☐ Pick Your Color Theme

10 Months

- ☐ Secure Your Venue
- ☐ Book Your Caterer and Start to Plan the Menu
- ☐ Hire Your Officiant
- ☐ Research and Reserve Vendors
- ☐ Shop for Your Dress, Shoes and Accessories
- ☐ Create a Wedding Website

9 Months

- ☐ Finalize Your Guest List
- ☐ Take Engagement Photos
- ☐ Explore Invitations
- ☐ Choose Your Bridal Party
- ☐ Book Hotel Blocks
- ☐ Order Your Gown



CHAPTER 3**Things to Do 6 to 8 Months Before Your Wedding****8 Months**

- ☐ Choose the Bridal Party Dresses
- ☐ Order and Send out Save-the-Dates
- ☐ Create a Gift Registry

7 Months

- ☐ Start Planning Your Rehearsal Dinner
- ☐ Reserve Rentals
- ☐ Meet With Your Officiant

6 Months

- ☐ Start Planning Your Honeymoon
- ☐ Research Hairstylists and Makeup Artists
- ☐ Explore Baker and Cake Options
- ☐ Think About Favors
- ☐ Choose Invitations
- ☐ Schedule Alterations



CHAPTER 4

Things to Do 4 to 5 Months Before Your Wedding



5 Months

- ☐ Finalize the Rental List
- ☐ Book Your Honeymoon
- ☐ Check on Invitations
- ☐ Reserve a Wedding Day Room for You and Your Spouse
- ☐ Arrange Your Rehearsal Dinner and Finalize the Menu
- ☐ Schedule Transportation
- ☐ Get the Groom's Tuxedo

4 Months

- ☐ Have a Final Tasting With Your Caterer
- ☐ Select Your Cake
- ☐ Have Hair and Makeup Trials
- ☐ Choose Your Music Playlist



CHAPTER 5

Things to Do 2 to 3 Months Before Your Wedding



3 Months

- ☐ Finalize and Order the Centerpieces
- ☐ Purchase Favors
- ☐ Buy Decorations
- ☐ Book Hair and Makeup Appointments for Your Wedding Day
- ☐ Get Your Wedding Rings
- ☐ Send out Wedding and Rehearsal Dinner Invitations
- ☐ Attend Your First Alterations Appointment
- ☐ Purchase Under-the-Dress Essentials
- ☐ Choose Ceremony Readings
- ☐ Start Writing Vows
- ☐ Finalize Reception Song List

2 Months

- ☐ Select Your Dress Accessories
- ☐ Create Ceremony Programs
- ☐ Find Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue
- ☐ Research Marriage License Requirements
- ☐ Confirm Hotel Reservations
- ☐ Enjoy Your Bridal Shower



CHAPTER 6

What to Do 1 Month Before Your Wedding

1 Month Until Wedding Checklist

- ☐ Finalize the Ceremony and Reception
- ☐ Pay Your Vendors and Prepare Tips
- ☐ Have Your Second Fitting
- ☐ Create a Day-Of Schedule
- ☐ Plan the Night-Before Activities
- ☐ Buy Thank-You Gifts
- ☐ Break in Your Wedding Shoes
- ☐ Purchase the Tiny Details
- ☐ Assign Seating
- ☐ Make Place Cards and Escort Cards



CHAPTER 7

What to Do 1 to 2 Weeks Before Your Wedding



2 Weeks Before Wedding

- ☐ Confirm Seating Chart
- ☐ Verify Final Payment Amounts
- ☐ Prepare Toasts
- ☐ Give Your Photographer a List of Photo Ideas
- ☐ Attend Your Last Alterations Appointment

1 Week Before Wedding Checklist

- ☐ Pick up your dress or arrange for delivery.
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Confirm your travel plans.
- ☐ Have a final dress fitting if needed.
- ☐ Pack an overnight bag for your wedding.
- ☐ Touch up your hair color.
- ☐ Get your eyebrows done
- ☐ Have your jeweler clean your engagement ring.

- ☐ Practice your vows.
- ☐ Put together welcome bags for guests staying at the hotel.
- ☐ Print out your place cards and escort cards if you haven't yet done so.

How Can I Relax a Week Before My Wedding?

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Pamper yourself
- ☐ Meditate
- ☐ Jot down your feelings
- ☐ Ask others for help
- ☐ Stay in touch with your partner



CHAPTER 8

What to Do 2 to 3 Days Before Your Wedding

3 Days Before Your Wedding

- ☐ Pack a wedding-day emergency kit which may include items such as aspirin, dental floss, a mirror, tissues and deodorant — customize it to suit your needs.
- ☐ Contact all your vendors just to touch base.
- ☐ Have a get-together with your best buddies to unwind, laugh and relieve some pre-wedding jitters.
- ☐ Confirm transportation bookings.
- ☐ Confirm toasts with chosen friends and family members.

2 Days Before Your Wedding

- ☐ Wrap your gifts for your wedding party and family members.
- ☐ Go over your wedding day schedule with everyone.
- ☐ Make sure your vendors have a bridesmaid's or family member's contact information.
- ☐ Drop decorations off at the venue.
- ☐ Make sure you've assigned someone to grab gifts and decorations on your wedding day.
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal dinner details.

- ☐ Check in with your bridesmaids to see if they have any last-minute questions.
- ☐ Print out vendor details like contact info and arrival times.
- ☐ Tidy up your house, so it's clean and welcoming when you get back from your honeymoon.
- ☐ Check the weather forecast — but don't obsess over it.
- ☐ Drink lots of water and get as much sleep as possible.
- ☐ Leave your partner a loving note.
- ☐ Pack your accessories in one bag.



CHAPTER 9

What to Do the Day Before Your Wedding

Day-Before-Wedding Checklist

- ☐ Get a Manicure and Pedicure
- ☐ Set up the Venue
- ☐ Give Your Marriage License to Your Officiant
- ☐ Enjoy Your Rehearsal Dinner
- ☐ Relax as Much as Possible
- ☐ Pack up Your Car
- ☐ Make Sure You Have Cash
- ☐ Prepare Your Dress



CHAPTER 10

Wedding Day Checklist



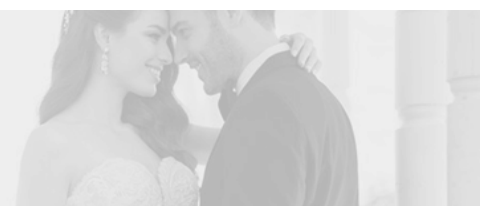
Wedding Day Checklist for the Bride

- ☐ Eat breakfast
- ☐ Stay hydrated
- ☐ Get an early start
- ☐ Assign roles
- ☐ Make last-minute payments
- ☐ Sneak in moments with your spouse
- ☐ Be flexible
- ☐ Have fun

Last-Minute Wedding Day Checklist

- ☐ Do you have your marriage license?
- ☐ Do you and your partner have your vows?
- ☐ Did you confirm the date and time with all of your vendors?
- ☐ Have all vendors been paid?
- ☐ Did everyone try on their outfits, including their shoes?
- ☐ Did you break in your wedding shoes?

- ☐ Do you have the tiny details put together, such as toasting glasses, escort cards and the cake knife?
- ☐ Are the rings ready to go and kept in a safe place?
- ☐ Are the wedding favors packaged and ready to go?
- ☐ Did you pack an emergency kit?
- ☐ Did you confirm honeymoon arrangements?
- ☐ Did you pack your honeymoon bags if you plan to leave right away?



CHAPTER 11

Post-Wedding Checklist



Your After-Wedding Checklist

- ☐ Send Thank-You Cards
- ☐ Give Printed Wedding Photos as Gifts
- ☐ Double-Check Vendor Payments
- ☐ Freeze Your Wedding Cake
- ☐ Preserve Your Dress
- ☐ Reuse Leftovers
- ☐ Update Your Accounts
- ☐ Write Vendor Reviews
- ☐ Take Care of Gift Returns and Exchanges
- ☐ Treat Yourself

