

# Wedding Checklist

## 10 - 12 months before the wedding:

- Announce your engagement to family and friends
- Set the wedding style and size of the wedding
- Set your wedding budget
- Start creating your guest list
- Set the wedding day and time
- Book your church
- Book your reception venue (First deposit due)
- Choose your bridesmaids, best man and groomsmen
- Check out DJs and/ or bands
- Meet with photographers and look over their portfolios
- Meet with videographers (if you're having one) and look over their portfolios

## 7 - 9 months before the wedding:

- Bride: shop for and order your wedding dress
  - Bride: shop for and order/purchase bridal accessories: veil, shoes, jewellery
  - Bride: (with your bridal party) shop for and order bridesmaids dresses
  - Book the florist
  - Book DJ or band
  - Book the photographer & videographer
  - Start planning your honeymoon (check Visa requirements, are your passports in date?)
  - Finalise the guest list
  - Meet with bakers and sample wedding cakes
  - Start looking at wedding invitations
  - Start thinking about the wording of your wedding invitations
- Book a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests



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## 4 - 6 months before the wedding:

- Write your gift list (if you're having one)
- Order your wedding cake
- Order your wedding invitations
- Finalise dinner menu with hotel
- 2nd deposit due to hotel 6 months prior to reception date
- Bride: select flower girl's dress and pass details on to the parents
- Purchase wedding guest favours
- Book the limousine or other wedding day transportation
- Groom: start looking at tuxedos or other formal wear
- Book the honeymoon
- Bride: buy bridal lingerie in time for first dress fitting

## 2 - 3 months before the wedding:

- Give the photographer a list of "important shots" you want included
- Purchase your wedding rings
- Purchase bridesmaids gifts , best man gift , groomsmen gifts
- Groom: Finalise tuxedo /formal attire and pass on details to groomsmen
- Bride: schedule your dress fittings
- Bride: book your hair and makeup appointments
- Bride: if you're changing your name complete the proper documents
- Bride: talk to your bridesmaid about a Hen Party
- Address and send out wedding invitations (invitations should be mailed 2-months before ceremony)
- Groom: purchase your accessories including shoes, cuff links, handkerchiefs, etc.
- Meet with your celebrant to discuss the details of your ceremony
- Start writing wedding vows if writing your own
- Start working on your order of service
- 3rd deposit due to hotel 3 months prior to reception date



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## 1 month before the wedding:

- Order wine & Champagne if you're having your own
- Get your marriage license
- Bride: have your final dress fitting
- Finalise and print order of service
- Finalise song list with DJ or band (especially "The 1st Dance")
- Contact any guests who haven't replied to the invitation
- Write speeches
- Bride: do trial-runs of your hair and makeup
- Start working on the seating plan
- Confirm honeymoon details and reservations
- Confirm final menu details with the hotel

## 1-2 weeks before the wedding:

- Finalise seating plan and write place cards. Drop off/email to the hotel
- Confirm guest numbers with hotel and wine provider
- Bride: break in your wedding shoes by wearing them around the house
- Bride: pick up your wedding dress
- Pick up wedding rings
- Bride: pick up "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue"
- Bride: purchase a garter
- Plan your wedding day itinerary
- Have your Stag and Hen parties
- Leave your honeymoon travel plans and itinerary with a family member
- Confirm details with vendors: DJ/band, photographer, limousine, florist
- Confirm ceremony details with celebrant
- Confirm ceremony rehearsal time & date with wedding party



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## Day before the wedding:

- Bride: get manicure and pedicure done
- Give your wedding party their gifts
- Groom: pick up your tuxedo
- Decorate the ceremony and reception locations (if possible/ appropriate)
- Drop off wedding favours, guest book and cake at hotel
- Rehearse the ceremony with the celebrant and wedding party
- Get a good night's sleep!

## Day of the wedding:

- Have breakfast; you'll need your energy!
- Get dressed

*Relax ...*

*...and enjoy the day!*