

Don't Stress! Wedding Checklist

Be ready for your big day. Use this checklist to help you organize right down to the final day of your wedding.

8-12 Months before the big day

- Begin your guest list
- Consider possible color schemes
- Begin interviewing photographers, caterers, consultant, disc jockey, etc.
- Determine who will pay what expenses
- Begin looking at gowns online and in magazines
- Start looking for potential bridal jewelry
- Finalize your guest list
- Choose a dress!

6-8 Months

- Check the requirements for a marriage license
- Start looking at gift registrations
- Cake shopping!!
- Make sure the maid of honor and best man are aware of your expectations
- Decide on bridesmaid dresses and groomsmen attire
- Order invitations and related stationery needs

3-5 Months

- Book hotel for the wedding night
- Review your written agreements with all professionals
- Help mothers coordinate their outfits
- Book rehearsal dinner
- Book honeymoon

2-3 Months

- Have engagement portraits taken
- Place announcement in local newspaper
- Choose bridesmaid jewelry
- Purchase wedding bands
- Make or buy favors
- Pick up the invitations
- Start talking about bachelor party and shower
- If you're renting a tux, get measured
- Start talking to people who will be giving special readings during the ceremony
- Confirm delivery date of gowns and schedule fittings
- Order veil and hair accessories
- Begin your fittings
- Grooms, begin buying all accessories; shoes, shirts, cuff links
- Consider hairdresser/makeup artist and book appointments
- Arrange wedding day transportation
- Send out those invitations!

6 Weeks

- Final dress fitting
- Arrange parking
- Purchase your going away outfit
- Purchase last minute accessories; guest book, pen set, garter etc
- Set aside some time to make Thank You cards for gifts received at the shower
- Purchase gifts for maid of honor, best man, bridesmaids, ushers
- Finalize vows
- Create calendar of events for the wedding day
- Choose and order flowers and arrangements
- Final dress fitting

3-4 Weeks

- Pick up wedding rings
- Paperwork for official documents (name changing)
- Discuss final choices for music during the reception and ceremony

1-2 Weeks

- Call all guest who haven't RSVP'd for the final head count
- Grooms get your hair cut and pick up tuxedo
- Prepare your toasts and thank yous
- Confirm all final payment amounts with all vendors
- Confirm all out-of-town guests have transportation and sleeping arrangements

The Day Before

- Brides get everything together and ready to go - Gown, veils, tiara, shoes, stockings Bridal emergency kit aspirin, tissues, safety pins etc.
- Enjoy your rehearsal dinner!
- Drop off favors, guest book at reception hall.
- Get some sleep; you have a big day ahead of you!

The Big Day

- Allow plenty of time for your make-up and hair.
- Allow 1 - 2 hours for photographs
- Don't forget the rings and marriage license
- Take a deep breathe, relax and don't worry!
- Lastly, enjoy the best day of your life!!