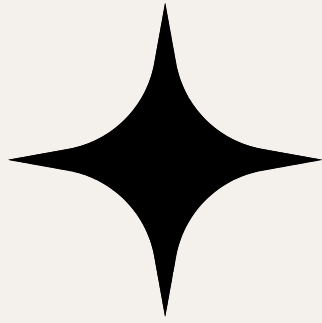


WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST



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WELCOME TO THE ULTIMATE WEDDING

PLANNING CHECKLIST!

If you're here then that means you're getting married - Congratulations!

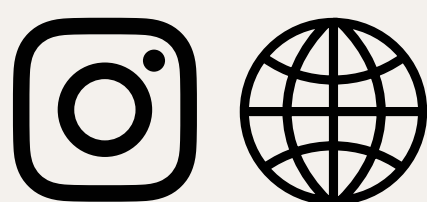
Planning a wedding is no easy feat and has many moving parts. This list will help you stay on track and make sure you don't forget any important tasks while planning one of the most magical days of your life.

This is based on a 12 month timeline but can be redistributed as needed.

Happy Planning!

SEARCHING FOR A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER?

CHECK OUT MY WORK & GET IN TOUCH:





12 MONTHS

- Pick a date
- Create your budget
- Decide wedding style/theme
- Make a guest list
- Hire an experienced planner
- Research venues and schedule tours

11 MONTHS

- Choose your wedding party
- Schedule a handful of wedding dress and/or suite boutique appointments
- Officially book your venue
- Hire photographer
- Schedule engagement session
- Book your officiant
- Order save the dates

10 MONTHS

- Purchase dress
- Schedule future dress fitting appointments
- Book videographer
- Begin honeymoon planning
- Mail save the dates

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9 MONTHS

- Research hotels at different price points for out-of-town guests
- Browse invitation designs - order samples
- Create gift registry or set up honeyfund
- Hire florist

8 MONTHS

- Reserve rentals
- Hire hair & make up artist & schedule trial
- Choose cake style & schedule tastings
- Purchase wedding bands
- Purchase engagement session outfit
- Schedule suit fitting

7 MONTHS

- Do your engagement session
- Hire band or DJ
- Prepare a playlist for DJ/band
- Book honeymoon flights and hotels
- Book room for wedding night

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6 MONTHS

- Order cake and desserts
- Create wedding website
- Order invitation suite
- Order thank you cards
- Order wedding party attire & accessories

5 MONTHS

- Book photo booth rental
- Plan reception seating
- Purchase reception items (toasting flutes, guestbook, sparklers, glow sticks, etc)
- Finalize reception menu with caterer
- Order reception paper items (menu cards, seating chart, name cards, etc)

4 MONTHS

- Finalize honeymoon plans
- Create rehearsal guest list
- Book rehearsal venue & dinner location
- Order any personalized items you'd like to include in ceremony/reception

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3 MONTHS

- Designate who will give toasts so they can begin writing
- Apply for marriage license
- Mail invitations
- Begin writing vows
- Purchase guest gifts

2 MONTHS

- Review ceremony details with officiant
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Start creating day-of timeline with planner and photographer
- Decide on "something old, new, borrowed, and blue"
- Book spa treatments for you and wedding party

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1 MONTH

- Final dress/tux fitting
- Pick up marriage license
- Send final timeline to all vendors, officiant and wedding party
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Pick up wedding rings
- Begin breaking in wedding shoes
- Follow up with guests who did not RSVP to confirm

2 WEEKS

- Make arrangements for the caring of pets or plants while on honeymoon
- Give final guest count to caterer
- Send playlist to dj/band/musicians
- Get haircut and freshen up color
- Send directions to wedding day driver
- Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals and tend to wedding dress

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1 WEEK

- Prepare wedding day emergency kit (bandaids, white thread + needle, water, advil, tampons, etc)
- Confirm speeches & toasts are complete
- Prepare final payments & tips to vendors in labeled envelopes
- Gather/pack important wedding day items (clothes, accessories, decor, etc)
- Pack for honeymoon
- Finalize vows

1 DAY

- Go to spa for mani/pedi/massage
- Have someone drop any decor at venue if allowed
- Attend rehearsal (have fun, thank everyone)
- Go to bed early

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WEDDING DAY

- Eat a good breakfast
- Take dress & veil out of bag and have steamed
- Stay off feet as much as possible
- Allow plenty of time to get ready
- Drink water
- Lay out items you want captured by photographer
- Give officiant fee & vendor tips to maid of honor to distribute
- Give wedding rings & vow books to best man
- Have fun and soak up every moment!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Ensure tuxes and all rentals have been returned
- Take dress/tux to cleaners
- Send out thank you cards
- Honeymoon and be married!

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