

11–12 Months Ahead

Take a week to relax and envision your wedding.

Set up a wedding email for correspondence.

Establish your budget—determine who's contributing and how much.

Decide on your top priorities.

Choose three tentative dates.

Research venues and book your favorite.

Select and invite your wedding party.

Consider hiring a coordinator/planner if budget permits.

Book high-priority vendors and purchase wedding insurance.

8–10 Months Ahead

Celebrate with an engagement party.

Book photographer and videographer (schedule engagement photos).

Consult with hair and makeup artists.

Book your MC/DJ and florist.

Decide on catering style and schedule tastings.

Try on and order your bridal gown.

Decide on styles for wedding party outfits.

Order wedding bands and reserve room blocks for guests.

Send out "Save the Dates" and set up your wedding website.



6-8 Months Ahead

Finalize your guest list.

Reserve rentals (tables, chairs, tents).

Book caterer, dessert baker, officiant, and live musicians.

Order bridal party outfits.

Groom selects and reserves his attire.

4-6 Months Ahead

Mail invitations.

Schedule and complete dress alterations.

Plan your honeymoon and ensure passports are up to date.

Arrange "day of" transportation.

Celebrate with a bridal shower.

2–4 Months Ahead

Plan and order gifts for parents, attendants, and your fiancé.

Complete your hair and makeup trial.

Make nail and haircut appointments.

Hire a "day of" coordinator if not already done.

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Finalize reception layout with a walkthrough.

Send event timeline to vendors.

Organize family photo groupings.

Pack decor, details, gifts, payments, and emergency supplies.

Confirm transportation and finalize song list with MC/DJ.

Plan processional/recessional order.

The Final Week

Take time off work to focus on wedding prep.

Steam dresses and finalize all pickups (rental suits, items).

Confirm vendor details and delegations.

Write vows and get rings cleaned.

Rehearse and enjoy your rehearsal dinner.

Relax and Enjoy Your Big Day!



Wedding <u>Day Checklist</u>

For The Bride

Essential Items

- 1. Brush/comb
- 2. Cell phone (be sure to turn it off before the ceremony!)
 - 3. Dental floss (for all those photos)
 - 4. Emery board
 - 5. Extra panty hose
 - 6. Hair spray
 - 7. Handkerchief
 - 8. Makeup
 - 9. Mints
 - 10. Mirror (small and portable)
 - 11. Perfume, travel size
 - 12. Legal documents needed

<u>Appearance</u>

- 1. Baby powder (for getting out spills on a white dress)
 - 2. Bobby pins and hair elastics
 - 3. Brush and comb
 - 4. Clear nail polish (also helpful for stocking runs)
 - 5. Corsages
 - 6. Cotton balls/swabs



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For The Bride (cont.)

7. THE DRESS!

8. Extra earring backs

9. Extra pair of flat shoes

10. Hair dryer

11. Iron

12. Lint brush

13. Makeup

14. Nail polish in the bride's shade

15. Undergarments

16. Sewing kit

17. Shoe polish that matches wedding party's shoes 18. Shoes

19. Spot remover (test it first!)

20. Static-cling spray

21. Straws (for drinking without lipstick)

22. "Throwaway" garter

23. White chalk (to cover any stains on the dress) 24. Wrinkle out spray (test it first!)



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Health/Toiletries

- 1. Antacid
- 2. Aspirin/Ibuprofen
- 3. Band-aids (that best match your skin tone)
 - 4. Contact lens solution/cases
 - 5. Deodorant
 - 6. Dental floss
 - 7. Eye drops
 - 8. Washcloth or hand towel
 - 9. Lotion
 - 10. Medications
 - 11. Moist towelettes
 - 12. Mouthwash
 - 13. Smelling salts
 - 14. Sunscreen
 - 15. Tampons or pads
 - 16. Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - 17. Tissues



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Outdoors

- 1. Bug spray (be sure it leaves no spots and smells nice)
 - 2. Extra flowers (in case of sun wilting)
 - 3. Handkerchief for dabbing sweat
 - 4. Sunglasses (pre- and post-ceremony)

Just in Case

- 1. Cash (\$20—you never know what you'll need it for)
 - 2. Disposable camera
 - 3. Driver's license or photo I.D. card
 - 4. Duct tape (good for any handy repairs)
 - 5. Extra copies of directions to your reception
 - 6. Important phone numbers:
 - *Family, Wedding Party, Vendors, Taxi Company
 - 7. Notebook and pens
 - 8. Portable flashlight
 - 9. Roll of quarters
- 10. Snacks/bottled water (granola bars, dried fruit, etc.)
 - 11. Umbrella
 - 12. Watch



Wedding <u>Day Checklist</u>

For The Groom

Appearance

- 1. Black socks (a few pairs)
 - 2. Brush/comb
 - 3. Cologne (travel size)
 - 4. Corsage pins
 - 5. Extra shirt buttons
- 6. Extra cufflinks (2-3 pairs)
 - 7. Handkerchiefs
 - 8. Lint brush
 - 9. Shoe polish
 - 10. Spot remover

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We can't wait to help bring your vision to life and capture every perfect moment!

Warm regards,

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