

9 to 12 Months Before Your Wedding:

Choose your wedding date and time

Reserve the date, time, and location of your Wedding with your Officiant

Set tentative wedding budget

Estimate number of guests from both sides. In General 80% of invitees attend

Select and book your reception location.

Choose your bridal party

Shop for a wedding dress, head piece, shoes and other accessories

Book your photographer, disc jockey, musicians, and other entertainment for ceremony and reception

Consider hiring a Wedding Consultant

6 to 9 Months Before Your Wedding:

Begin Marriage Prep with your pastor or counselor

Publish your engagement in your local newspaper

Select and book your mode of transportation to and from ceremony and reception

Determine final guest list with all parties

Register with shops who offer Bridal Registries

Choose and book your florist

Select and order your invitations

Book honeymoon. At this time, it is also wise to prepare all passport information

Shop for Bridesmaid dresses and accessories

Shop for your wedding bands.

4 to 6 Months Before Your Wedding:

Decide on your speakers for your reception - Master of Ceremonies etc.

Book men's formal wear

Finalize all guest information and begin to write your invitations

3 Months Before Your Wedding:

Make arrangements to obtain your marriage license. Check with authorities at the location of your wedding (not your home).

Begin to make arrangements for your hotel room after your reception. It is also an opportune time to book a block of rooms to accommodate out of town guests

Complete all wedding invitations

Schedule fittings for all bridal attire. Make sure you bring your Bridal shoes

Finalize details of your wedding ceremony - choose ceremony option. At this point, book an appointment with the organist or soloist

Arrange rehearsal details

Order your wedding cake; ring pillow; garter; knives & servers; guest book and fountain pen

Book an appointment with hairdresser and make-up artist

1 to 2 Months Before Your Wedding:

Verify all details with all hired professionals, including florist; limousines; photographers/videographer etc.

Mail all wedding invitations to your guests

Arrange with someone to house sit

Organize rehearsal dinners

Arrange trial run of Bridal hair and make-up

Finalize honeymoon details with travel agent

Submit a layout of reception to Disc Jockey, Master of Ceremonies; and any other party who plays a role at a particular time

Select and purchase attendants' gifts

Arrange change of address and all other forms of Identification that need to be changed

Determine your travel needs - that is, a new suitcase, swimsuit etc.

Bride: Start wearing your wedding shoes on a daily basis to work them in

1 to 2 Weeks Before Your Wedding:

Finalize guest numbers with caterer or hall. At this time, inform them of any special exceptions you may require - food allergies, 2 vegetarian meals, etc. This step may require you to contact any guests who have not yet replied to your invitation

Pick up gown and Bridal party dresses

Pick up airline tickets; travelers cheques

Verify accommodations for out of town guests

Prepare a checklist of details to be assigned to bridal party

Organize your gown preservation and cleaning. This task can be completed while you are on your honeymoon

Prepare seating plans, seating cards and master guest list for reception

Pick up wedding bands. Make sure they fit

Best man should organize final formal wear fittings the men in the wedding party. He should also arrange to return the Groom's attire the next day

Book facials, waxing and any other esthetics that are required

Finish packing for your honeymoon

Arrange transportation for Bridal party from ceremony to photos or reception

2 Days Before your Wedding:

Give wedding bands and marriage license to Best Man or other designated person

Day Before Your Wedding:

Pick up formal wear

Take a trip to your reception site to ensure that the location is ready for the reception. This will be your last chance to set up.

Bring License to the Officiant

Rehearsal and Rehearsal dinner takes place and gifts are given to wedding party

Day of Your Wedding:

Transfer your engagement ring to your right hand

Be dressed and ready for photographer/videographer approximately 2 hours before the ceremony or according to your arrangements

Hairdresser and make-up artist will arrive according to your arrangements