



## ***Suggested Wedding Checklist***

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### **6 - 12 months before the big day**

- Set time, location of Ceremony, Rehearsal & Reception Venue.
- Make an appointment with Clergyman / Officiate Determine a budget.
- Compose a guest list.
- Choose Professional Photographer / Videographer.
- Shop for wedding gown: Several fittings will be required.
- Obtain Floral & Music estimates; book services if possible.
- Register with gift registry.
- Select bride's maids.
- Pick a honeymoon destination: (renew passports & inoculations if required.)
- Begin selection of a Caterer.
- Set a date to order dresses for bridesmaids.

### **5 months before the big day**

- Finalize guest lists.
- Order invitations & announcements.
- Order personal stationary & thank you notes.
- Plan reception.
- Choose florist.
- Men choose attire.
- Make honeymoon reservations.
- Choose caterer.
- Confirm delivery of bridal gown.
- Make appointment for bridal portrait.
- Order wedding cake.
- Arrange transportation for all members of bridal party to & from ceremony & reception locations.
- Go over details of reception with caterer / hotel manager.
- If you are renting any equipment, reserve it now. (Archway, floral pillars etc.)

### **2 months before the big day**

- Inform clergyman of all the details of your ceremony.
- Keep a gift diary - send thank you notes as gifts arrive.
- Fine tune guest list.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Select attendants' gifts, grooms gift.
- Check all services.
- Make moving arrangements.
- Final gown fitting.
- Bridal portrait setting.

### **1 month before the big day**

Choose wedding bands.  
Mail invitations.  
Make room reservations for out of town guests.  
Check wedding party apparel.  
Confirm music arrangements & check selections.  
Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon.  
Discuss rehearsal dinner with hosts.  
Attend showers.  
Apply for marriage license.

### **2 weeks before the big day**

Plan your wedding day hairstyle. (Bring headpiece & veil).  
Schedule hair appointment for day of wedding.  
Final check on bridal party clothing.  
Notify newspapers.  
Arrange for name & address change.  
Check with caterer / reception venue with last minute changes.

### **1 week before the big day**

Remind rehearsal dinner guests of time / location.  
Start honeymoon packing.  
Wrap groom & attendants' gifts and give them at the rehearsal dinner.  
Check wedding announcements, stamped & ready to mail day after wedding.  
Bridesmaid luncheon.  
Schedule rehearsal for 1 - 2 days prior to wedding.  
Remind wedding party of exact time & place.  
Go over final details of ceremony & reception with all parties involved.

### **1 day before the big day**

RELAX!  
Have manicure & pedicure done.  
Attend wedding rehearsal & dinner.  
Give ushers guest list.

### **Wedding Day**

Eat!  
Hair & make-up.  
Check wedding dress. (Pressing/steaming).  
Appoint family member to check ceremony & reception for left behind items.  
Change of clothes. (If leaving for honeymoon).  
Breath! Enjoy your day.

### **Helpful hint: Make an emergency kit:**

Include: Make-up, extra panty hose, bobby pins, safety pins, clear nail polish, comb, hair spray, hanky or tissues, needle & thread (white), aspirins, saltine crackers, band aid, toothpaste & brush, dental floss, breath mints.  
Sounds funny, but stranger things have happened ... Congratulations!