

Ultimate Wedding Planning Checklist

Every major to-do from 12 months out to the big day. Check them off as you go.

12+ MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Set your wedding budget (and agree on who pays for what)
- ☐ Draft your guest list to estimate headcount
- ☐ Pick a date or season
- ☐ Book your venue (ceremony + reception)
- ☐ Start researching photographers, caterers & key vendors
- ☐ Decide: wedding planner, day-of coordinator, or DIY

9–12 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Book your photographer and videographer
- ☐ Book your caterer and do a tasting
- ☐ Shop for and order your dress or suit
- ☐ Create your wedding website & start your gift registry
- ☐ Book your entertainment (DJ or band)
- ☐ Send save-the-dates

6–9 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Book your florist
- ☐ Book your officiant
- ☐ Taste and order your wedding cake
- ☐ Reserve rentals (tents, tables, chairs, linens)
- ☐ Plan the ceremony order and details
- ☐ Book hotel room blocks for out-of-town guests

4–6 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Order your wedding invitations
- ☐ Plan your menu with the caterer
- ☐ Buy wedding bands
- ☐ Book transportation for the day
- ☐ Book your honeymoon
- ☐ Schedule hair & makeup trials

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2-4 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Mail invitations (8-10 weeks before the wedding)
- ☐ Plan your seating chart
- ☐ Finalize the menu and bar details
- ☐ Buy accessories (shoes, veil, jewelry)
- ☐ Celebrate! Bachelorette / bachelor party
- ☐ Apply for your marriage license (check local timing)

1-2 MONTHS OUT

- ☐ Final dress / suit fitting
- ☐ Confirm final details with every vendor
- ☐ Finalize the seating chart and day-of timeline
- ☐ Pick up wedding bands
- ☐ Start packing for the honeymoon

FINAL WEEK

- ☐ Confirm final headcount with the caterer & venue
- ☐ Pack a day-of emergency kit
- ☐ Rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Pick up the dress / suit and confirm pickup times
- ☐ Share the timeline with your wedding party & vendors

WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Eat a real breakfast
- ☐ Bring the emergency kit, rings & marriage license
- ☐ Hand your phone to someone you trust
- ☐ Stick to the timeline — then let it go
- ☐ Soak it in. This is the good stuff.

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