

WEDDING PLANNING

Checklist

ONE YEAR OUT

- gather inspiration
- choose your colors
- set your budget
- choose your wedding party
- create your guest list
- reserve your venue
- research vendors
- hire your planner

8 MONTHS OUT

- create a wedding website
- book your officiant
- meet with your caterers
- create a registry
- finalize guest list and request addresses
- hire your photographer and videographer
- reserve a hotel block
- take your engagement photos
- buy your wedding attire

6 MONTHS OUT

- send save-the-dates
- order invitations
- choose wedding party attire
- arrange day-of transportation
- reserve rentals—tents, linens, lighting, tables, chairs, etc.
- book your florist
- send save-the-dates
- start honeymoon planning

4 MONTHS OUT

- cake test and order your cake
- book rehearsal dinner venue
- book hair and makeup
- create your wedding playlist
- have your wedding attire fitted
- send wedding shower guestlist to host
- book wedding night accommodations
- create bachelor/bachelorette party guest lists and send to hosts

3 MONTHS OUT

- finalize catering menu
- print menu cards
- meet with florist and finalize design
- create schedule and day-of timeline
- send wedding shower guestlist to host
- send invitations

- order invitations
- purchase rings
- order favors

- create your wedding playlist with your dj
- go over ceremony outline with officiant

2 MONTHS OUT

- meet with your photographer to discuss day-of plans + portraits
- celebrate at your bachelorette parties
- touch base with your vendors

- make sure wedding party attire has been purchased/rented
- send out as many final payments as you can
- print programs

1 MONTH OUT

- get your marriage license
- send rehearsal dinner invitations
- purchase wedding party gifts
- check in with wedding party and set day-of expectations

- send day-of timeline to vendors
- purchase alcohol
- make a list of RSVPs + finalize headcount
- create seating chart
- check hotel room blocks
- write your vows

1 WEEK OUT

- touch base with vendors
- outsource small day-of tasks to friends + family
- prepare cash for day-of payments and tips
- send final guest list to caterer
- have some fun
- ensure wedding party + family has day-of timeline
- break in your wedding shoes
- pack for your honeymoon
- go on one last date with your partner before the big day

POST WEDDING

- enjoy your honeymoon
- pay remaining vendor balances
- clean and preserve wedding attire
- write "thank you" cards
- complete your registry
- order prints and albums

One final note:

This timeline is meant to be flexible, so don't feel bad if you miss any to-dos along the way. This checklist is a general outline for a standard 12-month wedding planning timeline and can be adjusted if your timeline is different.