

wedding checklist

Six to twelve months in advance

- set your date
- set your budget
- compile your guest list; gather addresses
- select your attendants
- reserve your ceremony and reception sites
- order your dress/tuxedo and accessories
- book your officiant
- book your caterer
- book your florist
- go cake tasting—and order your cake!
- book your photographer, videographer, and photo booth
- book your entertainment for ceremony and reception
- send your save-the-dates

Four to six months in advance

- reserve rental equipment
- arrange transportation and valet for wedding day
- order invitations and thank you notes
- register for gifts
- purchase wedding rings
- purchase or reserve groom's attire
- select attendants' attire
- select favors, if necessary
- reserve room for wedding night
- reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- select gifts for wedding party
- sign up for dance lessons
- write thank you notes as gifts arrive
- plan and book honeymoon; obtain passports for all international travel
- book hair, makeup, and all other beauty appointments

Two to four months in advance

- write your wedding vows, if you choose
- discuss details of service with officiant
- discuss details of the menu with caterer
- work with ice sculptor on design and place order for ice sculpture
- select readings for ceremony
- schedule rehearsal time
- book rehearsal dinner location
- collect images of favorite hair and makeup looks for your stylists
- schedule consultation to begin teeth whitening or cosmetic enhancements

One to two months in advance

- mail your invitations
- contact local newspapers about wedding announcements
- prepare name change documents, if necessary
- have programs printed
- buy guest book
- obtain marriage license
- notify post office of change of address, if necessary
- do your trial run for both hair and makeup

Two weeks in advance

- notify caterer of guest count
- begin seating plan
- write place cards
- have final dress fitting with accessories
- address announcements
- write toasts for rehearsal dinner and reception
- designate someone to look after your home during your honeymoon
- break in your wedding shoes outdoors
- get your hair cut and colored, get facial and body treatments
- remind fiancé to get hair cut!

One week in advance

- finalize seating arrangements
- pick up dress/tuxedo
- confirm details and guest count with caterer
- confirm honeymoon arrangements
- pack for wedding night
- pack for honeymoon
- schedule all hair removal services and massage for three days before wedding

Day before

- give announcements to attendant for mailing after the wedding
- confirm transportation arrangements for ceremony and reception
- get manicure and pedicure
- exfoliate your skin for smooth makeup application; wash hair for next day

Your wedding day

- eat a decent breakfast!
- get hair styled and makeup applied; wear a button-down shirt!
- take it all in and enjoy yourselves!