



10-12 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Download Fresh Feature Photography’s Wedding Checklist
- Work on your budget and establish top vendor priorities
- Start putting together a guest list
- Choose your wedding party
- Find a venue for your ceremony and reception, reserve your date

TIP: Venue & Date are most important! Most vendors will not book with you unless you have a date & venue secured

- Begin dress shopping, and say yes to your dress!
- Start building an amazing vendor team. We’d start with:
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Planner
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STRESS MINIMIZING TIP: Lock in your priority vendors first, this will give you peace of mind moving forward.

MY PRIORITY VENDORS



6-9 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Continue researching, interviewing, and booking vendors
 - Decide on arrangement with your Floral Designer
 - Have a tasting and choose your wedding cake with baker
 - Hire DJ/Entertainment for ceremony/cocktail hour and reception
 - Discuss style of your save the date/wedding invitations with your Stationer
- Create a gift registry
- Arrange a hotel block for out of town guests
- Book your own suite for the wedding night
- Shop for bridesmaid/flower girl dresses and give your attendants clear instructions on how to place their orders.
- Arrange and book any necessary transportation
- Go over bridal shower/bachelorette details and guest list with person(s) hosting your party.
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3-5 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Book rehearsal and rehearsal dinner location(s)
- Put together rehearsal dinner guest list
- Reserve all necessary party rentals and linens
- Shop for and receive men’s formalwear
- Concentrate on finalizing:
 - Guest list, get all mailing addresses
 - Confirm invitation text with Stationer, schedule pick up date for your invites
 - Ceremony readings and vows
 - Menu, beverage and catering details
 - Timeline for the reception formalities
- Makeup & Hair trial and book stylists.
- Shop and purchase your wedding rings.
- Finalize honeymoon plans and obtain all necessary documents (are you sure your passports are up to date?).

TIP: Your DJ will put together a timeline for the reception

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6-8 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Mail out invitations! Have a game plan for recording RSVPs and meal choices.
- Touch base with your vendors to confirm date, deposits and details.
- Start researching marriage license requirements and name-change paperwork (if applicable).
- Begin your dress fittings. Be sure to have the appropriate undergarments beforehand.
- Give the wedding party a nudge - make sure they've ordered all necessary attire.
- Write thank-you cards for shower gifts and early wedding gifts received

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3-5 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Send out rehearsal dinner invitations. If your get-together will be informal, feel free to send an Evite.
- Finalize and confirm:
 - Wedding vows and readings with your officiant
 - Timeline of the day with Planner, Photographer & Videographer
 - Song list for ceremony, cocktail hour and reception with DJ and/or Band/Musicians
 - Timeline for reception and who's giving toasts
 - Wedding night and honeymoon accommodations
- Obtain marriage license and complete name-change documents (if applicable).
- Pick up wedding rings and proofread any engraving
- Do you have something old, new, borrowed, and blue (If you're into that tradition).
- Purchase guest book, toasting flutes, cake servers, unity candle
- Buy gifts for wedding party (optional)
- Have final dress fitting, bring your shoes and accessories for the full impact (YAY!!)
- Hunt down whoever hasn't RSVP'd

DON'T FORGET

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1-2 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Give caterer, venue & planner final guest count
- Arrange seating and create the seating chart and/or place cards
- Pick up your gown. Swoon.
- Confirm arrival times and finalize wedding timeline with vendors and the wedding party - make sure your MOH has a copy, too.
- Put together your own Bridal Emergency Kit
- Start packing for honeymoon
- Think about getting a facial or a massage - you deserve one!

DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Make sure all wedding-day items are packed/laid out and ready to go! (Don't forget the rings and marriage license!)
- Assign someone to pack up your gifts/belonging after the reception (don't forget the top tier of the cake!)
- Enjoy a mani-pedi
- Attend the rehearsal and dinner. Now's the time to give out wedding party gifts.
- Try and go to bed early...

ANY LAST MINUTE TO-DO'S

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MONEY SAVING TIPS

- Consider reducing the guest list, especially if you are having a catered meal.
- Consider a faux cake for your cake table and serve sheet cake to your guests.
- Consider having a smaller bridal party
- Skip out on the party favors
- Think of alternate, cost effective 'bouquets' for your bridesmaids
- Buy greenery or flowers wholesale for centerpieces or floral décor
- Have a Friday or Sunday brunch Wedding
- Select in season florals
- Repurpose floral arrangements
- Consider less expensive shoes - especially if your dress covers your feet
- Borrow accessories instead of buying - do you really need to buy a veil?
- Skip out on RSVPs, especially if you have a wedding website. This will save on printing and shipping costs
- Take a personal car to the hotel after you leave the reception