



# The Ultimate WEDDING PLANNING *checklist*

## 10–12 Months To Go...

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WORK OUT YOUR BUDGET AND ESTABLISH YOUR TOP PRIORITIES.</b> Determine where to save and where to splurge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING.</b> Start browsing wedding inspiration on websites, social media, blogs, and magazines to explore and identify your wedding style and colors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>COMPILE YOUR PRELIMINARY GUEST LIST.</b> You'll need that guest count!
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CHOOSE YOUR WEDDING PARTY.</b> Who do you want by your side at the altar? Ask them now to give your attendants plenty of time to plan and prep.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FIND A VENUE FOR YOUR CEREMONY AND/OR RECEPTION, AND RESERVE YOUR WEDDING DATE.</b> This is huge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DO YOU NEED WEDDING INSURANCE?</b> It's something to think about. Check with your venue about liability insurance and consider other options, like cancellation insurance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TELL EVERYONE TO SAVE THE DATE!</b> Send out save-the-date cards 8–12 months in advance for a destination wedding, or 6–9 months in advance for a domestic wedding.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CREATE A WEDDING WEBSITE.</b> Let your invitees know about it by putting your website's URL on the save-the-date cards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SAY YES TO YOUR WEDDING DRESS (OR TUX!)</b> and begin assembling the perfect accessories. Need inspiration? Attend a trunk show or wedding expo.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONSIDER HIRING A WEDDING PLANNER</b> if you're already feeling overwhelmed. They're magical, we tell ya.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BEGIN ASSEMBLING AN ALL-STAR WEDDING VENDOR TEAM.</b> We'd start with: Caterer · Photographer · Officiant. <i>And when you hire a vendor, get all the details in writing!</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>START DREAMING UP YOUR HONEYMOON, IF YOU'RE TAKING ONE.</b> It's a great way to mitigate wedding planning stress.
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*6–9 Months To Go...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HIRE A FLORAL DESIGNER.</b> Set up a time to go over flower types and design styles. They'll help you choose flower arrangements to fit your style, color scheme, and budget.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DO A TASTING AND CHOOSE YOUR WEDDING CAKE WITH YOUR CAKE DESIGNER.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HIRE THE DJ/ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUR CEREMONY, COCKTAIL HOUR, AND RECEPTION.</b> Work with them on the wedding playlist.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ORDER YOUR INVITATIONS.</b> Discuss the style and wording of your wedding invitations with a Stationer or online invitation company.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CREATE YOUR GIFT REGISTRY.</b> (Don't forget to update your wedding website with the links!)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ARRANGE HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS</b> for out-of-town guests and book your own suite for the wedding night.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SHOP FOR BRIDESMAID / FLOWER GIRL DRESSES / GROOMSMEN SUITS.</b> Give attendants clear instructions on how to place their orders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ARRANGE AND BOOK ANY NECESSARY WEDDING-DAY TRANSPORTATION.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GO OVER BRIDAL SHOWER AND/OR BACH PARTY DETAILS,</b> as well as the guest list with the person(s) hosting the party.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONSIDER PREMARITAL COUNSELING.</b> Make sure you and your fiancé are rock-solid through this wedding-planning journey, and prepared to face married life together.
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## *3–5 Months To Go...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BOOK THE REHEARSAL AND REHEARSAL DINNER LOCATION(S).</b> If you're including entertainment or specialty décor / details, now's the time to lock in these elements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PUT TOGETHER YOUR REHEARSAL DINNER GUEST LIST.</b> This may include immediate family, the wedding party plus spouses, your Officiant, and others involved in the ceremony.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MAKE CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS</b> and / or plan wedding entertainment for your guests' kids.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RESERVE ALL NECESSARY PARTY RENTALS AND LINENS.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ORDER WEDDING FAVORS FOR YOUR GUESTS</b> or pick a charity to donate to in lieu of favors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE THE WEDDING GUEST LIST.</b> Get everyone's mailing address organized into a spreadsheet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONFIRM YOUR INVITATION WORDING</b> with the Stationer, and consider additional day-of stationery. Schedule a pickup or delivery date for your invites and other paper goods.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DECIDE UPON YOUR CEREMONY READINGS AND VOWS.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE THE MENU, BEVERAGE, AND CATERING DETAILS</b> with your venue and / or caterer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WORK ON THE TIMELINE OF THE WEDDING DAY AND RECEPTION FORMALITIES</b> with your wedding coordinator and / or venue.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DO A MAKEUP &amp; HAIR TRIAL AND BOOK YOUR STYLISTS.</b> Come up with your own beauty and fitness regimen to be camera-ready and confident for the big day.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SHOP FOR AND PURCHASE YOUR WEDDING RINGS.</b> Order engravings if desired.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE HONEYMOON PLANS AND OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.</b> (Are you <i>sure</i> your passports haven't expired?)

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*6–8 Weeks To Go...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SEND OUT YOUR INVITATIONS.</b> Have a game plan for recording the RSVPs and meal choices.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TALK TO YOUR VENUE COORDINATOR ABOUT A CONTINGENCY PLAN</b> if you're hosting an outdoor wedding.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TOUCH BASE WITH YOUR VENDORS TO CONFIRM WEDDING DATE, DEPOSITS, AND DETAILS.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>START RESEARCHING MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND NAME-CHANGE PAPERWORK,</b> if applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BEGIN YOUR DRESS/ATTIRE FITTINGS.</b> Be sure to buy the appropriate undergarments beforehand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CHECK THE STATUS OF WEDDING PARTY ATTIRE.</b> Give the wedding party a nudge to make sure they've placed their orders / purchased necessary items.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WRITE THANK-YOU CARDS FOR SHOWER GIFTS AND ANY EARLY WEDDING GIFTS RECEIVED.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>START ASSEMBLING WELCOME BAGS FOR YOUR GUESTS,</b> if applicable.
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### *3–5 Weeks To Go...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SEND OUT REHEARSAL DINNER INVITATIONS.</b> If your get-together will be informal, feel free to send an Evite.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE AND CONFIRM:</b> WEDDING VOWS AND CEREMONY READINGS WITH YOUR OFFICIANT.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE AND CONFIRM:</b> SHOT LIST WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER AND/OR VIDEOGRAPHER.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE AND CONFIRM:</b> SONG LIST FOR CEREMONY, COCKTAIL HOUR, AND RECEPTION WITH YOUR DJ AND/OR BAND / MUSICIANS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE AND CONFIRM:</b> TIMELINE FOR THE RECEPTION AND WHO'S GIVING THE TOASTS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FINALIZE AND CONFIRM:</b> WEDDING NIGHT AND HONEYMOON ACCOMMODATIONS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE AND COMPLETE NAME-CHANGE DOCUMENTS,</b> if applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PICK UP YOUR WEDDING RINGS AND PROOFREAD ANY ENGRAVING!</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IF YOU'RE THE TRADITIONAL TYPE, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING OLD, NEW, BORROWED, AND BLUE?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PURCHASE YOUR DAY-OF ACCESSORIES.</b> This may include your guest book, toasting flutes, cake servers, unity candle, ring pillow, and all that good stuff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BUY GIFTS (OPTIONAL) FOR THE WEDDING PARTY, YOUR PARENTS, AND/OR YOUR PARTNER.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HAVE YOUR FINAL DRESS/SUIT FITTING.</b> Bring your shoes and accessories for the full impact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HUNT DOWN WHOEVER HASN'T RSVP'D YET.</b> <i>Le sigh.</i>

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*1-2 Weeks To Go...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	GIVE YOUR CATERER/VENUE THE FINAL GUEST COUNT.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARRANGE SEATING AND CREATE THE SEATING CHART AND/OR PLACE CARDS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	PICK UP YOUR GOWN AND/OR SUIT. <i>Swoon.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CONFIRM ARRIVAL TIMES AND FINALIZE THE WEDDING TIMELINE with vendors and the wedding party. Make sure your MOH or someone you trust has a copy, too.
<input type="checkbox"/>	GO OVER PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS WITH YOUR LIMOUSINE/TRANSPORTATION VENDORS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	FINALIZE RECEPTION TABLES. Create the seating chart and / or place cards if you're having seating arrangements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	HAND OVER WEDDING FAVORS, DÉCOR, PAPER, AND CEREMONY ITEMS TO YOUR ON-SITE COORDINATOR OR PLANNER. Include any special set-up instructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	PACK UP YOUR WEDDING-DAY EMERGENCY KIT. Fill a small bag with "just in case" items that can fix any issues—from ibuprofen and a sewing kit to an extra pair of contacts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECK THE WEATHER REPORT. If things look iffy on your wedding date, contact your venue to go over the contingency plan.
<input type="checkbox"/>	START PACKING FOR YOUR HONEYMOON (See "weather report" above.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	IN DESPERATE NEED OF A FACIAL OR MASSAGE? Now's the time to squeeze one in.
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*The Days Before...*

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>MAKE SURE ALL WEDDING-DAY ITEMS ARE PACKED/LAID OUT AND READY TO GO.</b> Don't forget the rings and marriage license!
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FIGURE OUT TIPS AND FINAL PAYMENTS FOR VENDORS.</b> Put them in clearly marked envelopes and give them to someone you trust to hand out over the course of the event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ASSIGN SOMEONE TO PACK UP YOUR GIFTS/BELONGINGS AFTER THE RECEPTION.</b> Don't forget the top tier of your cake for your first anniversary!
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ASSIGN SOMEONE TO RETURN ANY RENTAL ITEMS OR TUXEDOS THE DAY AFTER THE WEDDING,</b> if needed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WRAP ANY GIFTS YOU'LL BE GIVING</b> to your future spouse, family, or wedding party. Or simply write them heartfelt notes to open on the day-of.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DROP OFF WELCOME BAGS TO GUEST HOTELS,</b> if you're doing them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ENJOY A MANI-PEDI.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ATTEND THE REHEARSAL AND DINNER.</b> Now's the time to give out wedding party gifts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TRY TO GO TO BED EARLY.</b> You need your beauty sleep tonight!
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SET YOUR ALARM.</b> Allow plenty of time to get ready on your big day.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TAKE DEEP BREATHS.</b> Stop to appreciate your soon-to-be spouse because the day you've been waiting for is finally here.
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*Don't Forget...*

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