

# WEDDING PLANNING

*Timeline + checklist*

## 12 MONTHS OUT

- Announce engagement
- Establish "musts + mehs" with fiancée
- Arrange for families to meet
- Begin working on approximate guest list
- Create a new gmail account for wedding planning
- Decide: hire a planner or DIY?
- Draft a wedding budget
- Research ceremony + reception venues
- Consider your date
- Venue tours – time to book!
- Make a wedding planning Pinterest board + follow @SpringsVenue
- Join wedding Facebook Groups for questions and inspiration

## 11 MONTHS OUT

- Create Google spreadsheet for vendor payment schedules
- Look up upcoming Bridal Shows, Open Houses + Wedding Garage Sales
- Engagement party
- Determine bridesmaids + groomsmen
- Determine flower girl(s) + ring bearer(s)
- Choose a theme/color palette/vision
- Book a photographer
- Take engagement photos

## 10 MONTHS OUT

- Book videographer
- Create wedding website
- Set up catering tastings
- Book catering
- Set up wedding dress appointments
- Order wedding dress
- Pick a wedding hashtag
- Look into wedding insurance

## 9 MONTHS OUT

- Send Save the Dates
- Research honeymoon options
- Research DJ, band, entertainment options
- Wedding rings
- Wedding registry
- Order bridesmaid dresses

## 8 MONTHS OUT

- Order invitations
- Research + book officiant
- Other stationery items
- Rentals + decor
- Centerpieces for reception tables

## 7 MONTHS OUT

- Decide ceremony timeline
- Decide on Bride + Groom First Look
- Decide on other First Look options

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### 7 MONTHS OUT (CONT.)

- Guest accommodations + hotels
- Book florist

### 6 MONTHS OUT

- Hire coordinator
- Draft wedding day timeline
- Finalize honeymoon plans
- Book makeup artist
- Book hairstylist
- Send out invitations
- Research + hire bartenders
- Setup wedding cake tastings
- Order wedding cakes
- Additional decor + accessories
- Dress shopping for MOB + MOG

### 5 MONTHS OUT

- Determine ceremony readers + singers
- Undergarments
- Meet with officiant
- Photobooth
- Ringbearer attire
- Flower girl attire
- Gifts for wedding party
- Dance lessons
- Bride + Groom (gifts for each other)

### 4 MONTHS OUT

- Rehearsal dinner (location, guest list + invites)
- Ceremony programs + guest comfort depending on season
- Bridal accessories
- Wedding dress alterations
- Wedding party attire alterations
- Groom + groomsmen tux fittings
- Wedding party shoes
- Transportation
- Gifts (MOB, FOB, MOG, FOB. etc.)
- Memory table

### 3 MONTHS OUT

- Meet with DJ (finalize song list + timeline)
- Guest favors
- Send-off items
- Bridal Shower or Couples Shower
- Guestbook
- Flower girl + ring bearer accessories

### 2 MONTHS OUT

- Begin looking into marriage license
- Book skin + beauty appointments
- Accommodations for Bride + Grooms
- Unity candle or other unity ceremony
- Write or decide upon vows
- Collect RSVPs

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## 2 MONTHS OUT (CONT.)

- Signs
- Photos to print
- Getting ready attire
- Slideshow for reception
- Cocktail hour plans
- Something old, new, borrowed, blue
- Decide on inclement weather plan

## 1 MONTH OUT

- Check your registry
- Bachelor + bachelorette parties
- Finalize RSVPs + guest count
- Reception seating plan
- Final fitting for wedding dress
- Hair + makeup trial
- Bridal photoshoot
- Venue walkthrough
- Assign toasts + speeches

## 1 WEEK OUT

- Gather tips for vendors
- Encourage groom to get a haircut
- Confirm details with all vendors
- Pack for honeymoon
- Pack separate wedding night bag
- Manicure + pedicure appointment
- Bride + Groom - write each other a letter to exchange on the wedding day
- Practice reading vows out loud

## 1 WEEK OUT (CONT.)

- Prepare + drop off welcome bags at hotels for out-of-town guests
- Prepare + wrap gifts for parents + wedding party
- Wedding day emergency kit
- Designate someone to take home wedding gifts after the wedding
- Send timeline to wedding party
- Put someone in charge of wedding day lunch plans

## THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Rehearsal dinner
- Load the car(s)
- Get as much sleep as you can

## WEDDING DAY

- Morning rehearsal
- Enjoy every second

## AFTER

- Send marriage license to the county
- Return all rentals

## 2 WEEKS AFTER

- Change name
- Review vendors online
- Send thank you cards
- Wedding dress + veil preservation