

# The Ultimate Wedding Planning Checklist

Congratulations on your engagement! Planning your dream wedding can be an exciting and memorable experience. To help you stay organized and ensure that no detail is overlooked, here is a comprehensive Wedding Planning Checklist:

## 12-18 Months Before the Wedding:

- Insure the engagement ring.
- Set the wedding date and time.
- Determine the wedding budget.
- Create a guest list.
- Research and book the wedding venue.
- Hire a wedding planner or coordinator (if desired).
- Start gathering inspiration and ideas for your wedding theme and style.
- Purchase Wedding Insurance
- Begin researching and booking wedding vendors:
  - Photographer/Videographer
  - Caterer
  - Florist
  - DJ/Band
  - Officiant
  - Wedding attire (Bride, Groom, Bridal Party)
  - Hair and Makeup Artist
  - Wedding Cake/Baker
  - Transportation
  - Decor and Rentals

## 9-12 Months Before the Wedding:

- Finalize the guest list.
- Choose and order wedding invitations and stationery.
- Book accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Schedule engagement photo session.
- Research and book:
  - Ceremony and reception musicians
  - Wedding Officiant
  - Wedding Attire (accessories, shoes, etc.)
  - Wedding Rings

## **6-9 Months Before the Wedding:**

- Select and order bridesmaid and groomsmen attire.
- Plan the rehearsal dinner.
- Begin creating a wedding day timeline.
- Start planning the honeymoon.
- Research and book:
  - Wedding favors
  - Wedding transportation
  - Wedding rentals (chairs, tables, etc.)
  - Wedding day accessories (guest book, unity candle, etc.)
  - Wedding ceremony and reception décor
  - Wedding day signage

## **3-6 Months Before the Wedding:**

- Send out save-the-date cards.
- Choose and order wedding cake.
- Arrange for wedding day transportation.
- Schedule dress fittings.
- Plan the wedding ceremony and reception:
  - Select readings, vows, and music.
  - Choose wedding ceremony and reception layout.
  - Plan seating arrangements.
  - Design and print wedding programs.

## **1-3 Months Before the Wedding:**

- Send out wedding invitations.
- Confirm final guest count with caterer.
- Finalize the wedding day timeline.
- Purchase wedding accessories and décor.
- Attend pre-wedding appointments:
  - Final dress fitting
  - Hair and makeup trials
  - Marriage license application

## **2-4 Weeks Before the Wedding:**

- Follow up with any remaining RSVPs.
- Confirm all vendor bookings and details.
- Finalize seating arrangements and create place cards.
- Attend the final dress fitting and pick up wedding attire.
- Review and finalize the wedding day timeline with vendors and wedding party.

## **1 Week Before the Wedding:**

- Pack for the honeymoon.
- Confirm final details with all vendors.
- Delegate wedding day responsibilities to trusted family and friends.
- Rehearse the ceremony with the wedding party.
- Give final guest count to caterer and venue.

## **Wedding Day:**

- Relax, enjoy, and cherish your special day!

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