

Wedding checklist



12 months before the wedding

- ☐ Let everyone know you're engaged!
- ☐ Consider the theme of your wedding (formal, semi-formal, informal)
- ☐ Make a list of everything you want in your wedding to help decide your budget
- ☐ Calculate an approximate wedding budget
- ☐ Choose a date for your wedding and start your search for venues
- ☐ Choose a wedding officiant (who marries you) and apply for the standard licenses

9 to 11 months before the wedding

Planning -

- ☐ Browse the internet and bridal magazines to help inspire you for the big day
- ☐ Shortlist bridal dresses, bridesmaid dresses, and suit hire (formal)
- ☐ Browse shoes and any other accessories
- ☐ Book photographer/videographer
- ☐ Book caterer and entertainment (live band or disco for example)
- ☐ Look at wedding cakes and make a shortlist
- ☐ Contact a hair and makeup stylist
- ☐ Look at transport to the wedding
- ☐ Choose a florist
- ☐ Consider venue decoration - chair covers, tables etc.
- ☐ Start to prepare your guest list
- ☐ Finally decide upon the theme of your wedding - the colours and style etc.
- ☐ Choose your bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, ring bearer etc. and confirm their duties
- ☐ Purchase your wedding rings
- ☐ Discuss your honeymoon and where you would both like to go

6 to 8 months before the wedding

- ☐ Begin to plan the music for the ceremony and reception
- ☐ Consider invitation designs
- ☐ Purchase/order wedding dress, veil, accessories and all other attire for attendees
- ☐ Create a wish list or gift registry for your family and friends



4 to 5 months before the wedding

- ☐ Contact the florist and finalise all arrangements
- ☐ Order all your wedding stationary (envelopes, invitations, order of service)
- ☐ Confirm and book your wedding transport (if required)
- ☐ Arrange accommodation for any guests (block booking of hotel rooms)
- ☐ Choose the wedding cake
- ☐ Choose the decoration for your wedding and decide upon the wedding favours

3 months before the wedding

- ☐ Order the wedding cake
- ☐ Finalise the guest list
- ☐ Meet with the wedding officiant to discuss the ceremony
- ☐ Choose gifts for family and attendants
- ☐ Arrange suit fitting for groom and male members of the wedding party
- ☐ Write your wedding vows (if required)

2 months before the wedding

- ☐ Send out your invitations
- ☐ Finalise any arrangements - live band, photographer etc.
- ☐ Arrange a hair and makeup trial (if required)
- ☐ Make or purchase the wedding favours
- ☐ Confirm your selection of music for the ceremony and reception
- ☐ Complete the appropriate documents if changing your name
- ☐ Meet one last time with officiant to finalise the ceremony arrangements
- ☐ Decide and confirm your wedding vows and give to the officiant
- ☐ Reserve your room for the wedding night



1 month before the wedding

- ☐ Contact the photographer and confirm the style of photos/video you would like
- ☐ Begin constructing the seating plan
- ☐ Confirm one last time that everything has been ordered and purchased
- ☐ Collect marriage licence
- ☐ Confirm and book your holiday for your honeymoon
- ☐ Arrange for a final wedding dress fitting

2 weeks before the wedding

- ☐ Finalise your seating plan and create a chart
- ☐ Confirm the delivery times and location with the florist
- ☐ Chase up any guests you have not received replies from your invites

1 week before the wedding

- ☐ Collect the wedding dress, bridesmaid dresses, and all accessories
- ☐ Provide the final guest numbers to the venue and reception/caterer
- ☐ Male attendees to have final suit fitting (if required)
- ☐ Check one last time with vendors for any purchases and orders - dates and times

The day before

- ☐ Attend rehearsal (if applicable)
- ☐ Have a manicure/pedicure (if applicable)
- ☐ Confirm transportation for wedding day
- ☐ Contact stylist to confirm hair and makeup appointment for wedding day
- ☐ Confirm duties required with your wedding party and ushers

The wedding day!

- ☐ Have your hair and makeup done first thing in the morning (after breakfast!)
- ☐ Begin dressing approx. 2 hours before the ceremony is scheduled to start
- ☐ Enjoy your big day!