

WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Take your engagement photos
- Start saving & pinning ideas you love on Pinterest and Instagram
- Nail down your budget
- Start looking at venues, then reserve your date when you find one you love
- Research vendors
- Hire a wedding planner if you are using one
- Pick your wedding party

7-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your officiant
- Book vendors that your venue doesn't provide:
 - Florist
 - DJ/band
 - Day-Of Wedding Coordinator
 - Caterer
 - Bartenders
 - Hair and/or Makeup Stylist
- Taste wedding cakes & put your order in
- Plan your guest list
- Hire your photographer and videographer
- Shop for your wedding dress
- Order and send out save-the-date cards

6-7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Plan your wedding colors & wedding style
- Pick out wedding decorations, start working on them if you are doing your decor DIY-style
- Research honeymoon destinations and book your trip
- Shop for bridesmaid dresses and grooms + groomsman suits
- Purchase your wedding shoes
- Get your wedding dress altered
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Start your wedding registry

4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order and send your invitations
- Shop for your wedding accessories
 - Veil
 - Jewelry
 - Garter
- Start hair & makeup trials
- Finalize menu and flowers
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Purchase rings

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding guest favors
- Start writing vows
- Choose readings for ceremony

- Check in with all vendors for any updates, confirm everything is on track
- Create a shot list for your photographer with must-have shots you want on your big day
- Choose your playlists & review them with band or DJ
- Plan bachelorette & bachelor parties

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Nail down ceremony outline with officiant
- Collect all RSVPs and give venue and caterer final guest counts
- Get your marriage license
- Mail rehearsal dinner invitations
- Have your final dress fitting
- Purchase bridesmaid gifts
- Have your bachelorette party!

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Create a day-of wedding timeline and share with your bridal party/other key individuals
- Pick up your wedding dress from the tailor
- Break in your shoes & purchase anything you need to make them more comfortable
- Give photographer your shot list
- Confirm arrival times and schedule with vendors
- Put together a bridal emergency kit to avoid day-of disasters
- Pack for your honeymoon