

Bride's Twelve Month Checklist

Golden Rule – Plan Ahead – Way Ahead

10 to 12 Months Prior to the Wedding Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Buy your wedding planner or a good organizer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discuss the style of the wedding and the budget with your fiancée and all parents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interview wedding consultants, advisors and coordinators
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speak with all your friends – pick their brains – learn who knows what and who knows who.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speak with your clergy – speak with other family members' clergy – ask questions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin looking for locations – ceremony – rehearsal dinner – reception – other planned events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin interviewing Caterers, Bakers, Photographers, Videographers, Florists, and Musicians.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of the month select three of your key players: advisor/consultant – caterer – photographer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of the month 11 select the site of the ceremony.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of the month 10 select the site for the reception an rehearsal dinner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of the month 10 select the remaining key players: Baker, Florist, Musicians, and Videographer.
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4 to 6 Months Prior to the Wedding Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin review of details with all of your wedding professionals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize honeymoon plans with fiancée and book with travel agent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By end of month 6 shop for and order invitations and announcements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize music selection for wedding and reception.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of month 5 book calligrapher.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of month 5 shop and order the men's formal wear.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book wedding transportation – limousines, horse-drawn carriages, hot air balloons, boat or whatever.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the end of month 4 have the rehearsal dinner plans in place (make sure you coordinate this with your fiancée).
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2 to 3 Months Prior to the Wedding Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Order the wedding rings!!!!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finish guest list
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shop till you drop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lingerie • Honeymoon clothes • Attendants' gifts • Your gift for your fiancée • Pre & post-wedding party clothes you might need
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize catering, bakery, floral arrangements (be a little flexible).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve a block of rooms for your out-of-town guests (good work for your fiancée)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize arrangements for any rental items you may need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candelabra and other silver pieces • Special decorative screens and archways • Special lighting (particularly if part of the event will be outside or in a unique area where normal lighting may not be possible)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make appointment with your hairdresser (a trial run for next month – also good for your bridal portrait)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make appointment with your hairdresser (final)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make appointment for your nails (hands and feet)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make appointment with a makeup artist for the day of your bridal portrait

4 to 8 Weeks Prior to the Wedding Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail your wedding invitations and send either your pre-planned special itinerary for early arriving out-of-town guests or an activity sheet from area chambers-of-commerce.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final fittings (For you and your attendants).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan the bridesmaids' party and confirm location and instructions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By week 6 have the bridal portrait taken.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send local paper and area wedding publications your announcement & photo.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notes! Notes! Notes! Write Thank You notes as you receive bridal and wedding gifts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reconfirm rehearsal events and rehearsal dinner reservations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	For your own piece of mind personally touch base with every key professional you and/or your coordinator has working on all the upcoming events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By week 4 <u>pick up Wedding Rings.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get marriage license with fiancée.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reconfirm honeymoon reservations and (if leaving the country go to the bank and exchange at least \$100 into foreign currency).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit request lists to your musicians, photographer, and videographer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formally invite wedding party and guests to the rehearsal dinner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm all transportation for all events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Address announcements to mail on your wedding day.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare all necessary forms for name and address changes on social security card, credit cards, bank accounts, post office, driver's license, et al.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange to move belongings to new home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	By the last day of week 2 plan a day to be alone with your family
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1 Week Prior to the Wedding Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	On the very first day of the very last week begin packing for your honeymoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check final details with all your wedding professionals – early in the week.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give (or attend) the Bridesmaids' party.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give final guest count to the caterer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a wedding day schedule with your fiancée.
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Reminder Day (3 Days Prior to the Wedding Day)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Remind wedding party men to pick up tuxedos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remind attendants of rehearsal dinner agenda.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remind fiancée to double check rehearsal dinner plans.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finish packing for your honeymoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rehearsal Dinner (give wedding day schedule to all).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule the day prior to the wedding as a free day – and a day to visit with a few close friends.
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