



9-12 Months before:

- Join *The Wedding Planner* for tips, trends, prizes and more!
- Announce your engagement to friends and family.
- Pick a special date to begin your lives together.
- Discuss what your budget will be and who'll be contributing what to the event.
- Interview wedding planners if you're using one.
- Pick the ceremony site and meet with the officiant.
- Work on the guest list to get a rough head count.
- Visit reception sites and reserve one.
- Begin shopping for and order your wedding gown

6-9 months before the wedding:

- Choose your wedding party.
- Select a caterer.
- Enroll in a bridal registry.
- Shop for and order your bridesmaids dresses.
- Pick a photographer and videographer.
- Select a florist and order arrangements.
- Send out save-the-date cards, especially if
- your wedding is on a holiday weekend.

4-6 months before the wedding:

- Order wedding stationary (place cards, thank you cards, etc.).
- Hire your wedding-day transportation (carriage, limousine, etc.)
- Book your favorite hair stylist and makeup artist.
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for any out-of-town guests.
- Finalize the guest list.
- Get definite plans for your honeymoon, make airline and hotel arrangements.
- Plan the rehearsal dinner.

2-4 months before the wedding:

- Get your marriage license from your city's county clerk.
- Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen.

2-4 months before the wedding (continued):

- Meet with the caterer to go over menus, wine selections, etc.
- Order the wedding cake.
- Select wedding ceremony and reception music.
- Start writing your vows if you plan to use your own.

4-8 weeks before the wedding:

- Mail wedding invitations 8 weeks ahead for out of town guests and 6 weeks out for local guests.
- Do a hair and makeup trial with your wedding veil and headpiece on.

2-4 weeks before the wedding:

- Work on the seating arrangements for the reception.
- Confirm details with the photographer, florist, and other vendors.
- Purchase shoes and undergarments and have your final wedding dress fitting.
- Purchase gifts for the wedding attendants, parents, etc.
- Compile a contact list of all of the wedding vendors and wedding party to keep with you.

1 week before the wedding:

- Place any amounts due on the wedding day in envelopes for easy distribution.
- Give the caterer a final head count.
- Find someone to take the cake knife, toasting glasses, etc. to the reception.
- Get final beauty treatments (manicure, facial, massage, waxing, brow shaping, etc.).
- Pack for the honeymoon.

The day before the wedding:

- Get something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a silver sixpence in her shoe

The day of the wedding:

- Relax, remember to eat something and allow yourself at least two hours to get dressed.
- Give the rings to the best man and maid/matron of honor.
- Enjoy your day!