

The 12-month wedding checklist.

Every task, month by month, from yes to I do. Tick the boxes as you go and keep this page close.

OUR NAMES _____ WEDDING DATE _____ GUEST COUNT _____

01 12+ months out

THE BIG FOUNDATIONS

- ☐ Set your total budget and who is contributing
- ☐ Draft the first version of your guest list
- ☐ Pick your season and 2 or 3 possible dates
- ☐ Visit and book your venue
- ☐ Choose your wedding party
- ☐ Create a shared planning folder and wedding email
- ☐ Look into wedding insurance

NOTES

02 10 to 11 months

LOCK IN THE KEY VENDORS

- ☐ Book your photographer and videographer
- ☐ Book your caterer (if the venue does not include it)
- ☐ Book your officiant
- ☐ Book your band or DJ
- ☐ Start shopping for your dress or attire
- ☐ Create your wedding website

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03 8 to 9 months

TELL YOUR GUESTS

- ☐ Send save-the-dates
- ☐ Book your florist
- ☐ Reserve hotel room blocks for guests
- ☐ Start your gift registry
- ☐ Plan the honeymoon and check passports
- ☐ Book hair and makeup

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04 6 to 7 months

STYLE AND DETAILS

- ☐ Order your dress (leave time for alterations)
- ☐ Choose wedding party attire
- ☐ Book rentals: tables, chairs, linens
- ☐ Book transportation
- ☐ Schedule a cake or dessert tasting
- ☐ Plan the rehearsal dinner

NOTES

05 4 to 5 months**PAPER AND PLANS**

- ☐ Order invitations and stationery
- ☐ Finalize the menu
- ☐ Buy your wedding rings
- ☐ Plan ceremony details and music
- ☐ Book honeymoon travel
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings

NOTES

06 2 to 3 months**INVITATIONS GO OUT**

- ☐ Mail invitations (6 to 8 weeks before)
- ☐ Draft the day-of timeline
- ☐ Write your vows
- ☐ Buy gifts for the wedding party and parents
- ☐ Confirm every vendor and payment due date
- ☐ Check your local marriage license rules

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07 1 month**HEADCOUNT AND SEATING**

- ☐ Track RSVPs and follow up on late replies
- ☐ Final dress fitting
- ☐ Create the seating chart
- ☐ Send the final headcount to your caterer
- ☐ Prepare final vendor payments and tips
- ☐ Break in your wedding shoes

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08 2 weeks**FINAL CONFIRMATIONS**

- ☐ Get your marriage license (timing varies by state and province)
- ☐ Send the final timeline to vendors and the wedding party
- ☐ Confirm transportation and pick-up times
- ☐ Book beauty appointments
- ☐ Pack for the honeymoon

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09 1 week**BREATHE AND DELEGATE**

- ☐ Confirm arrival times with every vendor
- ☐ Label envelopes for payments and tips
- ☐ Pack a day-of emergency kit
- ☐ Hand off day-of tasks to someone you trust
- ☐ Rest, drink water, sleep well

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10 The day before**ALMOST THERE**

- ☐ Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Drop off decor, favors and signs at the venue
- ☐ Set out rings, documents and vows
- ☐ Charge your phone and go to bed early

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11 Wedding day**ENJOY EVERY MINUTE**

- ☐ Eat a real breakfast
- ☐ Give the rings to the person who holds them
- ☐ Have someone hand out tips and final payments
- ☐ Take a quiet moment together

NOTES

12 After the wedding**THE LAST HAPPY TASKS**

- ☐ Return rentals on time
- ☐ Send thank-you cards (within about 3 months)
- ☐ Preserve the dress and flowers
- ☐ Update name documents, if you are changing names
- ☐ Leave reviews for your favorite vendors

NOTES



You did it. Happy married life!

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