

WEDDING PLANNING checklist

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Set a Budget:
 - Determine the overall budget for your wedding.
- Create a Rough Guest List:
 - Draft a list of potential guests to estimate the size of your wedding.
- Choose a Date and Venue:
 - Select a wedding date and book the ceremony and reception venues.
- Hire a Wedding Planner:
 - Decide if you need a wedding planner and hire one if desired.
- Research and Book Key Vendors:
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Caterer
 - Florist
 - Band/DJ
- Start Looking at Wedding Dresses:
 - Begin the search for your dream wedding dress.
- Plan Engagement Photos:
 - Schedule an engagement photo session with your chosen photographer.
- Create a Wedding Website:
 - Set up a wedding website to share important information with guests.

9- 11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize Guest List:
 - Confirm the number of guests you plan to invite.
- Research and Book Additional Vendors:
 - Cake Baker
 - Hair and Makeup Artist
 - Officiant
 - Transportation
- Begin Choosing Bridal Party:
 - Ask close friends and family to be part of your bridal party.
- Start Planning Honeymoon:
 - Research and begin planning your honeymoon.

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6 - 8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order Wedding Dress:
 - Finalize your decision and order your wedding dress.
- Choose Bridal Party Attire:
 - Decide on and order attire for the bridal party.
- Plan Rehearsal Dinner:
 - Start coordinating details for the rehearsal dinner.
- Register for Gifts:
 - Create a wedding registry.
- Book Accommodations:
 - Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.

4 - 6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize Invitations:
 - Choose and order wedding invitations.
- Choose Wedding Rings:
 - Select and purchase wedding bands.
- Plan Ceremony and Reception Decor:
 - Decide on the theme and style.
- Finalize Menu:
 - Work with the caterer to finalize the wedding menu.

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize Guest List:
 - Confirm final guest count.
- Send Invitations:
 - Mail out wedding invitations.
- Plan Seating Arrangements:
 - Create a seating chart for the reception.
- Plan Ceremony Details:
 - Write vows, choose readings, and plan music.

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2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Follow Up with RSVPs:
 - Confirm attendance with guests.
- Finalize Decor Details:
 - Confirm flowers, centerpieces, and other decor elements.
- Schedule Final Dress Fitting:
 - Ensure your wedding attire fits perfectly.
- Apply for Marriage License:
 - Obtain a marriage license in your jurisdiction.

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Finalize Timeline:
 - Confirm the schedule with vendors and the bridal party.
- Confirm Details with Vendors:
 - Double-check details with all contracted vendors.
- Pack for the Honeymoon:
 - Prepare for your post-wedding getaway.

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Final Payments:
 - Make final payments to vendors.
- Confirm Logistics:
 - Confirm transportation and arrival times with vendors.
- Review Timeline with Bridal Party:
 - Ensure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities.
- Rehearsal:
 - Practice the ceremony with the bridal party.

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ON THE DAY

- Get Ready:
 - Enjoy the process of getting ready with your bridal party.
- Delegate Responsibilities:
 - Assign tasks to reliable friends or family members.
- Exchange Gifts:
 - Exchange gifts with your partner if you've chosen to do so.
- Celebrate:
 - Enjoy every moment of your special day!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Send thank you cards
- Share photos

WEDDING STATIONARY checklist

PRE-WEDDING STATIONERY:

1. Save the Dates:

- Names of the couple
- Wedding date
- Location (optional)
- Wedding website (if applicable)

2. Invitations:

- Names of the hosts
- Names of the couple
- Date, time, and location of the ceremony and reception
- RSVP details
- Dress code (if any)
- Wedding website
- Accommodation details (if needed)

3. RSVP Cards:

- Response options (accept/decline)
- Deadline for RSVP
- Meal preferences (if applicable)
- Any additional information requested (e.g., song requests)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Thank You Cards:

- Feature a wedding photo (optional)
- Personalized message

2. Rehearsal Dinner Invitations:

- Date, time, and location details
- RSVP information

3. Wedding Announcements:

- For those who couldn't attend the wedding

4. Maps or Directions:

- If the venue is in a remote location

WEDDING CEREMONY:

1. Ceremony Programs:

- Order of events
- Names of the bridal party
- Musical selections
- Any readings or rituals

WEDDING RECEPTION:

1. Menus:

- List of food and drink options
- Dietary notes (if applicable)
- Couple's names and wedding date

2. Place Cards:

- Guest names and table assignments

3. Table Numbers:

- Clearly numbered for easy navigation

4. Signage:

- Welcome sign
- Seating chart
- Hashtags or other social media signs

CUSTOMIZATION AND EXTRAS:

1. Custom Stamps or Seals:

- Add a personal touch to envelopes

2. Envelope Liners:

- Coordinated with the wedding theme or colors

3. Wax Seals:

- Elegant touch for invitation envelopes

4. Belly Bands or Ribbon:

- Decorative elements for holding invitation pieces together

5. Special Requests:

- Any additional items requested by the couple (e.g., advice cards, mad libs)

BRIDAL SHOWER PLANNING checklist

ESTABLISH THE BASICS:

1.Date and Time:

- Choose a date and time that works for the bride and key guests.

2.Guest List:

Compile a list of attendees in collaboration with the bride.

3.Venue:

- Decide on a location that suits the theme and accommodates the guest count.

SET A THEME:

1.Choose a Theme:

- Decide on a theme that reflects the bride's personality or interests.

2.Decorations:

- Plan decorations, including banners, balloons, and table centerpieces.

INVITATIONS:

1.Design and Send Invitations:

- Create and send out invitations well in advance.

2.Include RSVP Details:

- Specify an RSVP date and method.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Plan Games:

- Organize fun and interactive games that the guests will enjoy.

2.Prizes:

- Prepare small prizes for game winners

FOOD AND DRINKS:

1.Menu Planning:

- Plan a menu that suits the theme and preferences of the bride.

2.Cake or Desserts:

- Arrange for a cake or special desserts.

3.Beverages:

- Plan a selection of beverages, including non-alcoholic options.

FAVORS:

1.Choose and Prepare Favors:

- Select small gifts or favors for the guests.

ENTERTAINMENT:

1.Music:

- Prepare a playlist or arrange for live music.

2.Photography:

- Assign someone to capture memorable moments.

GIFTS AND CARDS:

1.Prepare a Card Station:

- Set up a designated area for guests to leave cards.

2.Gift Table:

- Designate a space for gifts and arrange for someone to assist the bride in transporting them.

GIFT REGISTRY:

1.Include Registry Information:

- If the bride has a gift registry, include the details in the invitations.

WEDDING DECOR

checklist

CEREMONY DECOR:

1. Altar/Arch:

- Flowers
- Draping
- Greenery
- Fabric

2. Aisle Decor:

- Aisle runners
- Flower petals
- Lanterns or candles
- Chair decorations

3. Seating:

- Chair covers
- Chair sashes or ties
- Reserved signs
- Programs on each seat

4. Backdrop:

- Decorative backdrop for the ceremony area

RECEPTION DECOR:

1. Table Centerpieces:

- Flowers or greenery arrangements
- Candles or lanterns
- Table numbers or names

2. Table Linens:

- Tablecloths
- Table runners or overlays
- Napkins

3. Place Settings:

- Charger plates
- Dinner plates
- Salad plates
- Cutlery

4. Place Cards:

- Individual place cards
- Seating chart

RECEPTION DECOR:

5. Head Table Decor:

- Mr. and Mrs. signs
- Additional floral arrangements

6. Signage:

- Welcome signs
- Directional signs
- Menu signs
- Bar signs

7. Lighting:

- String lights
- Fairy lights
- Candles or votives
- Uplighting

8. Dance Floor Decor:

- Decals or monograms
- Flower arrangements
- Hanging decor (if applicable)

9. Ceiling Decor:

- Hanging installations (lanterns, greenery, or flowers)
- Chandeliers
- Draping

10. Cake Table Decor:

- Cake topper
- Floral arrangements
- Cake stand

11. Lounge Area:

- Furniture rentals
- Throw pillows and blankets
- Accent decor

12. Photo Booth:

- Backdrop or frame
- Props
- Signage

WEDDING DECOR

checklist

MISCELLANEOUS DECOR:

1. Guest Book Table:

- Guest book
- Pens or markers
- Decorative elements

2. Favors:

- Tags or labels
- Display containers

3. Restroom Decor:

- Baskets with toiletries
- Decorative signage

4. Overall Theme Elements:

- Colors, motifs, or themes consistent throughout the decor

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LOGISTICS AND EXTRAS:

1. Setup and Breakdown Team:

- Ensure there's a team to handle setup and breakdown.

2. Vendor Coordination:

- Communicate decor plans with vendors for seamless execution.

3. Emergency Kit:

- Safety pins, tape, scissors, etc., for any last-minute needs.

4. Rain Plan (If Outdoor Wedding):

- Additional decor elements or tents for rain contingency.

WEDDING EMERGENCY BAG

checklist

PERSONAL CARE:

- Tissues or Handkerchiefs:**
 - For emotional moments or spills.
- Stain Remover Wipes:**
 - To address stains on clothing.
- Sewing Kit:**
 - Needles, thread, safety pins for quick fixes.
- Lint Roller:**
 - For clothing touch-ups.
- Deodorant:**
 - Travel-sized deodorant for a quick refresh.
- Breath Mints or Gum:**
 - For fresh breath.
- Pain Relievers:**
 - Aspirin or ibuprofen for headaches.
- Antacid:**
 - For any stomach upset.
- Sunscreen:**
 - Especially for outdoor weddings.

BEAUTY AND GROOMING:

- Hairpins and Hair Ties:**
 - For hair emergencies.
- Hair Spray and Hair Gel:**
 - To maintain hairstyles.
- Clear Nail Polish:**
 - For quick fixes on stockings or small tears.
- Makeup Essentials:**
 - Lipstick, lip gloss, powder for touch-ups.
- Small Mirror:**
 - For quick makeup or hair checks.

ATTIRE AND ACCESSORIES:

- Fashion Tape:**
 - To secure clothing or accessories.
- Extra Earring Backs:**
 - In case of lost or misplaced earring backs.
- Shoe Inserts or Cushions:**
 - For added comfort.
- Hemming Tape or Safety Pins:**
 - To address wardrobe malfunctions.

TECHNOLOGY AND ACCESSORIES:

- Phone Charger:**
 - Keep your phone charged for communication.
- Extra Camera Batteries:**
 - For photographers or personal cameras.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

- Band-Aids:**
 - For minor cuts or blisters.
- Antibacterial Wipes:**
 - To clean hands or surfaces.
- Allergy Medication:**
 - If anyone has known allergies.
- Eye Drops:**
 - For dry or irritated eyes.

BRIDESMAID WEDDING packing checklist

ATTIRE AND ACCESSORIES:

- Bridesmaid dress
- Shoes (comfortable for both getting ready and ceremony)
- Undergarments (appropriate for the dress)
- Jewelry (as specified by the bride)
- Hair accessories or veil (if applicable)

EMERGENCY KIT:

- Small sewing kit (needles, thread, safety pins)
- Stain remover pen or wipes
- Band-aids and pain relievers
- Tissues or handkerchiefs
- Blotting papers
- Clear nail polish (for runs in stockings)
- Super glue
- Snacks and water

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS:

- Light snacks (granola bars, nuts)
- Water or beverages
- Straws for sipping without smudging lipstick

GIFTS AND ACCESSORIES:

- Bridesmaid gift from the bride
- Clutch or small bag for personal items
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (for outdoor weddings)

BEAUTY AND GROOMING:

- Makeup kit (including touch-up items)
- Hair styling tools (if needed for touch-ups)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant) Perfume
- Hairspray and hair products
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TECH AND DOCUMENTATION:

- Phone and charger
- Copy of the wedding timeline
- List of important contacts vendors
- Emergency contact information

COMFORT AND RELAXATION:

- Comfortable shoes (for when heels get uncomfortable)
- Flip-flops or comfortable flats for dancing
- Shawl or wrap for warmth
- Cushions or padding for uncomfortable seating
- Entertainment (book, magazine, or game)

OTHER ESSENTIALS:

- Wedding gift for the couple
- Speech or toast (if applicable)
- Personal items (if needed for a change)
- Extra set of clothing for the reception or after-party
- Chargers for electronic devices

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

Shot List

BEFORE THE WEDDING CEREMONY:

1. Bride's Preparations:

- Bride getting hair and makeup done
- Putting on the dress, shoes, jewelry, etc.

2. Groom's Preparations:

- Groom getting ready
- Putting on the suit, tying the tie, etc.

3. Details:

- Wedding dress and accessories
- Shoes
- Rings
- Bouquet
- Invitation suite
- Perfume bottle
- Any other significant details

RECEPTION:

1. Reception Venue

- Overview of the reception area
- Table settings and centerpieces

2. Candid Moments

- Speeches
- Cake cutting
- First dance
- Parent dances

3. Guests

- Candid shots of guests
- Table shots

4. Details

- Cake
- Place cards
- Favors

5. Dance Floor

- Candid and posed shots of guests dancing

DURING THE WEDDING CEREMONY:

1. Venue Shots

- Exterior and interior of the ceremony venue

2. Guests

- Arrival of guests
- Ushers helping guests
- Seating of parents

3. Ceremony Details

- Altar or ceremonial area
- Aisle decorations
- Unity ceremony (candle, sand, etc.)

4. Processional

- Entrance of the bridal party
- Entrance of the bride

5. Candid Moments

- Reactions of the couple and guests
- Exchange of vows and rings

6. First Kiss

- Capture the first kiss as a married couple

7. Recessional

- Exiting the ceremony

POST-CEREMONY

1. Family Formals:

- Various combinations of family members

2. Bridal Party:

- Group shots of the bridal party

COUPLE PORTRAITS

1. Couple's Session:

- Various poses and locations

WEDDING HONEYMOON

Packing List

CLOTHING:

1. Casual Clothing:

- Shorts, skirts, and lightweight pants
- T-shirts and tank tops
- Sundresses
- Casual shirts and blouses

2. Swimwear:

- Swimsuits
- Cover-ups
- Beach towels

3. Formal/Evening Wear:

- Dresses or outfits for special dinners or events

4. Comfortable Shoes:

- Sandals
- Walking shoes
- Dress shoes for formal occasions

5. Intimate Apparel:

- Lingerie
- Sleepwear

6. Outerwear:

- Depending on the destination and season, bring a light jacket or sweater

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- Travel-sized Hand Sanitizer**
 - Especially important in the current climate
- Motion Sickness Medication:**
 - If needed for flights or boat rides

PERSONAL ITEMS:

1. Toiletries:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash
- Razor and shaving cream
- Sunscreen
- Moisturizer

2. Makeup and Grooming Products:

- Makeup essentials
- Hairdryer and styling tools
- Cologne/perfume

3. Medications:

- Any prescription medications
- Basic first aid kit

4. Travel-Sized Laundry Detergent:

- For longer trips or to freshen up clothes

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS:

- Passport and ID:**
 - Ensure passports and any necessary identification are up-to-date
- Travel Itinerary and Documents:**
 - Flight details, hotel reservations, and any important documents
- Travel Insurance:**
 - Confirm coverage and carry necessary documents
- Electronics:**
 - Phone and charger
 - Camera and charger
 - Travel adapters
- Entertainment:**
 - Books, magazines, or e-reader
 - Travel games or cards

WEDDING HONEYMOON Packing List

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Snorkeling Gear:**
 - If your destination includes water activities
- Daypack or Beach Bag:**
 - For carrying essentials during excursions
- Sunglasses and Hat:**
 - Protection from the sun
- Reusable Water Bottle:**
 - Stay hydrated during activities
- Travel Pillow:**
 - For added comfort during long flights or car rides

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SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Romantic Extras:**
 - Candles, massage oil, or other romantic items for special moments
- Gifts or Surprises:**
 - If you plan to surprise your partner with something special
- Honeymoon Fund and Important Cards:**
 - Credit cards, cash, and any gift cards you might use
- Language Translation Apps:**
 - Helpful if traveling to a destination with a different language

CLOTHING ACCESSORIES:

- Jewelry:**
 - Pack any accessories you plan to wear
- Belts and Accessories:**
 - To complement outfits