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12 MONTHS PLANNING
WEDDING TO DO GUIDE



12 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Pick a date for your wedding
- Decide what sort of wedding you want; take your time with this.
- Write up your guest list and decide on numbers
- Work out your budget and find out if any family members will be able to contribute.
- Work out how you are going to spend your budget and work out what is important to the both of you and divide up the budget accordingly.
- Open wedding bank Account
- If having a church wedding, visit your priest and book the church
- If having a civil ceremony, contact your local registrar to book the date and time and an appointment to give notice of marriage.
- Book a wedding planner if you want someone for Full Planning
- Research venues, visit top 3 - 5
- Start looking at biogs/internet/magazine ideas and inspiration
- Don't make any rash decisions, think about it all and way up your options on all decisions to be made
- Organise your engagement party



11 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Make final decision on your venue and book
- Book your videographer and your photographer
- Take out wedding insurance
- Bride go dress shopping
- Choose your best man, bridesmaids and ushers
- If reception venue requires a marquee, book this along with furniture and any equipment
- If you need to hire in outdoor caterer and bar, look for these and get menu ideas
- Look for wedding invitations
- Compile names and address for guest list and send out save the date cards if you decide to have them

10 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Book your wedding planner if you want someone for partial planning
- Decide on your band/DJ/entertainment and book
- Go on engagement shoot with photographer if you are having one
- If venue is providing food, talk through the options with them.
- Decide on themes and colours



9 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Select a florist and visit them, talk through your ideas, book.
- Bride go shopping with your bridesmaids for their dresses and if necessary your mother and mother in law for their outfits.
- Groom look at suits for you and the groomsme



8 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Contact rental companies and book chairs, tables etc. (if needed)
- Start planning your honeymoon and book
- Make a start ring shopping



7 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Check your passport, visas etc. (for honeymoon)
- Book the time off work
- Book the transport for the wedding party and cars for bridal party
- Bride book your hair dresser and make-up artist
- Draw up a gift list at chosen department store/charity/honeymoon (these need to be ready to send out in the wedding invitations)
- Order Rings



6 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Send out wedding invitations if you are not sending out save the dates
- Finalise arrangements for the venue and the church
- Bride buy wedding accessories, shoes, headwear, veil, and bag.
- Organise the Stag and hen party
- Book your wedding planner if you want someone for on the day co-ordination
- Attend pre wedding counselling or wedding classes if requested by the church, or start to visit regularly if required for the ceremony.
- If you are adding any DIY elements to your wedding, projects should be on their way by now



5 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Groom; You and the men get the rest of your outfits, shoes etc.
- Decide on decoration for reception venue



4 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Book your wedding night hotel, if you are not staying at the reception venue
- Look at options for favours if having them
- Plan the ceremony and reception music.
- Choose gifts for bridesmaids, best man, and parents
- Send out invitations if you have already sent out save the dates



3 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Decide on guest book ideas
- Decide on how to display table plan/escort cards
- Decide on wedding post box for cards
- Select readings for the ceremony and give to the relevant people so they can practice
- Choose hymns for the ceremony or songs if a civil.
- Bride go for fitting for your dress and also your bridesmaids



2 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Get order of service made up and printed.
 - Chase guests who have not sent an RSVP
 - Put together seating plan
 - Make or order place cards and table number/names
 - Bride have hair and make-up trial
 - Bride buy wedding lingerie
 - Groom enjoy your Stag Do
 - Bride enjoy your Hen do
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1 MONTH BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Write your vows if you are choosing to use your own
- Finalise every detail and double check bookings with all suppliers
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Pick up wedding rings
- Delegate jobs for the wedding day i.e. give someone the guest book to look after
- Go on pre wedding shoot with the photographer If not had an engagement shoot.
- Confirm numbers and food allergies with the caterers and draw up final seating plan
- Groom write your speech and make sure the best man, father and anyone else giving one have done theirs as well.
- Both try and wear in your wedding shoes around the house, put socks or stockings over the shoes so they don't get dirty.



2 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Complete final song list for the band or DJ if you have any special requests for them and send it to them.
- Bride; Go for you final colour and or cut with your hairdresser and have a final practice run.
- Bride draw up list for change of name, ready for when you get back from honeymoon
- If possible get a final walk through at the venue with the suppliers so everyone knows where and when they need to be. Final walk through with wedding planner



1 WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Confirm details with all participants
- Confirm all details with all suppliers
- Supply the venue with suppliers list of requirements i.e. band/DJ set up time, setup space for florist
- Supply the venue and church/registrar with a schedule of all the suppliers delivery and set up time and contact numbers
- Groom get your hair trimmed and any last minute beauty treatments
- Do your honeymoon packing



2-3 DAYS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Have rehearsal and dinner (if having one)
- Bride pick up your dress
- Bride get your nails done and any last minute beauty treatments
- Bride if necessary get your and your bridesmaids' dresses steamed and
- Groom make sure you and the groomsmen pick up your outfits
- Hand over all favours, and name cards to the reception venues, or decorator/planner
- Call car rental companies for final pickup times for the day
- Write up wedding day time table and give to the bridal party so they know where and when they need to be anywhere



1 DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Sort out any monies to be paid to suppliers on the day and give to family members or planner to look after
- Get an early night



ON THE DAY

- Relax!
- Give wedding rings to the best man
- Make sure that the designated family member/planner has the final payments for the suppliers
- Designate someone to work with the photographer so they know who everyone is for the group shots
- Bride once you are ready give your make up to either your mum or your bridesmaid to look after
- Make sure that everyone has their flowers once they have been delivered
- Bride, put your engagement ring on your right hand
- HAVE FUN it's your wedding day, the best day of your life!!!!!!