

Wedding Planning Timeline

by The Everyday Hostess

12 Months Before

- ☐ Determine a budget
- ☐ Decide if you want to hire a wedding planner
- ☐ Start a guest list
- ☐ Set a wedding date
- ☐ Book location for ceremony and reception

9-11 Months Before

- ☐ Hire vendors: photographer, florist, caterer, cake baker, officiant, music
- ☐ Choose bridal party
- ☐ Start your registry
- ☐ Reserve block of hotel rooms for out of town guests
- ☐ Create wedding website
- ☐ Order the Save the Dates
- ☐ Order wedding dress and veil
- ☐ Select and order bridesmaid dresses

7-8 Months Before

- ☐ Compile final guest list
- ☐ Take engagement photos
- ☐ Send the Save the Dates
- ☐ Schedule beauty trials and book hair stylists and makeup artists

4-6 Months Before

- ☐ Order wedding invitations
- ☐ Finalize details with all vendors
- ☐ Order groomsmen attire
- ☐ Purchase wedding bands
- ☐ Plan rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Book honeymoon
- ☐ Buy wedding day accessories

2-3 Months Before

- ☐ Send wedding invitations
- ☐ Send rehearsal dinner invitations

4-8 Weeks Before

- ☐ Plan the ceremony and order programs
- ☐ Make a reception timeline
- ☐ Order favors and bridal party gifts

2-4 Weeks Before

- ☐ Print place cards, menus, escort boards, etc.
- ☐ Obtain marriage license

2 Weeks Before

- ☐ Have final dress fitting
- ☐ Confirm all payments, details and deliveries with vendors
- ☐ Send shot list to photographer
- ☐ Send wedding itinerary to the bridal party

1 Week Before

- ☐ Finalize headcount and seating chart
- ☐ Get a manicure and pedicure
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon

1 Day Before

- ☐ Rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Give bridal party gifts

Day of

- ☐ Get married and live happily ever after!