

# TIMELINE

12 months

- Set a date
- Set up a budget for who pays for what
- Start a guest list by combining lists from bride, bride's family, groom, groom's family and categorize:
  - Green – must be invited
  - Yellow – should be invited
  - Red – nice to invite
- Choose your wedding party
- Choose your color scheme and style
- Book your ceremony and reception venues
- Book your officiant
- Celebrate with an engagement party

9-11 months

- Buy your wedding dress
- Book your photographer and videographer
- Book your florist
- Book your decorator
- Book caterer
- Book entertainment
- Order passport if needed for honeymoon

6-8 months

- Buy bridesmaid's dresses
- Book hairstylist and make up artist
- Book any spa treatments (pedicure, manicure, etc.)
- Check about Bridal Fitness Options at The Wedding Café
- Reserve wedding night bridal suite
- Book transportation for wedding
- Complete gift registries
- Reserve rental items needed (i.e. tent, tables, chairs, chair covers, decor details, etc.)
- Send Save The Date notices
- Book honeymoon
- Order invitations

4-5 months

- Ensure all contracts are finalized and deposits are paid
- Meet with officiant
- Finalize guest list
- Choose music for ceremony, reception and first dance
- Order wedding rings
- Order wedding cake or cupcakes
- Book location for rehearsal dinner
- Purchase shoes and accessories for bride and bridesmaids
- Address invitations
- Look for cool gifts at The Wedding Café
- Choose your MC

Need help finding vendors? Check out [The Wedding Café](#)

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## 3 months

- Arrange location for gift opening
- Appoint ushers and other helpers
- Plan activities for out of town guests
- Mail invitations (include information for out of town guests – accommodation, maps, activities)
- Order favors from The Wedding Café
- Confirm dress delivery
- Wear shoes around your home to break them in
- Confirm date and time with all your vendors
- Have engagement photos taken
- Choose Ring Bearer/Flower Girl clothing
- Buy/rent groomsmen attire

## 2 months

- Book dance lessons if necessary
- Consider writing a prenuptial agreement and/or will
- Consider teeth whitening treatments
- Consider tanning sessions
- Design and print wedding program
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Arrange for menu tasting

## 6 weeks

- Finalize hairstyle and makeup style
- Finalize shopping for wedding day accessories (guest book, candles, ring pillow, etc.)
- Plan rehearsal dinner including guest list
- Choose guest book and attendant
- Obtain marriage licence
- Finalize menu and alcohol order
- Make doctors appointment for any inoculations required for honeymoon
- Purchase a picture worthy dress hanger

## 4 weeks

- Confirm accommodation for guests
- Choose your vows (write your own or use traditional)
- Confirm ceremony details with officiant
- Finalize floral selection
- Have final gown fitting for bride and bridesmaids
- Confirm stag/stagette
- Pick up wedding rings
- Meet with photographer and finalize special requests for photos
- Meet with entertainment to confirm details (first dance, etc.)
- Determine seating arrangement for reception
- Select and plan ceremony program

Visit [The Wedding Café](#) blog for tips and updates

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## 2 weeks

- Contact guests who have not RSVP'd
- Purchase items for Emergency Wedding Day Kit (see planning tools at The Wedding Café)
- Assign day-of-tasks to the wedding party and others
- Determine timeline for wedding day and provide it to all necessary parties
- Coordinate with venue to ensure your vendors have access when they need it
- Finalize order with florist
- Finalize details with MC
- Provide final seating arrangement to venue (place cards and seating chart)
- Finalize wedding day transportation
- Finalize any toasts/speeches you plan to give
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Print ceremony programs and seating chart
- Gift bags for our of town guests (ask The Wedding Café for ideas)

## 1 week

- Write cheques and set aside tips for vendors
- Make arrangements for plant watering and mail pick up while on honeymoon
- Make arrangements for your pet(s) for the wedding day and honeymoon
- Pack for wedding night and honeymoon
- Pick up marriage licence
- Appoint someone to return rental items after the wedding
- Provide final head count to caterer

## 1-2 days

- Deliver out of town gift bags to hotel
- Ceremony rehearsal and dinner
- Pick up groom/groomsmen attire
- Pack photo worthy dress hanger
- Relax and have a pedicure, manicure, massage, facial and etc.

## wedding day

- Make sure best man and maid of honor have wedding rings
- Move engagement ring to your right hand
- Make sure you eat throughout the day (we deliver while you're getting ready)
- Bring marriage licence to ceremony
- Bring overnight bag to the reception site
- Relax and enjoy your wedding!

Have items you want to sell from your wedding?  
Contact us to post on our marketplace.