



Your wedding checklist

Six months before the wedding

1. Agree on a budget with your family and partner
2. Book Church or registry office. If the location is a newly licensed venue you will need to provisionally book the registrar, but you must confirm with them three months before the wedding date.
3. Book wedding cars
4. Book photographer
5. Book your video company
6. Compile your wedding guest list, consulting both families
7. Choose best man, ushers, bridesmaids and page boys
8. Book the reception venue and caterers
9. Book the honeymoon especially if you plan to travel during peak season
10. Take out wedding insurance
11. Investigate and arrange the entertainment for the reception
12. Start looking for the wedding dress and bridesmaids dresses. If you plan to have them made book a designer at least four months ahead of the wedding

Five months before the wedding

13. Arrange the hire of any formal wear for the groom, best man, ushers and the fathers

Four months before wedding

14. Meet and confirm arrangements with the minister. Discuss the service, any readings and your choice of music
15. Book registry office now if appropriate
16. Order your wedding stationary such as invitations (day and evening), orders of service, place cards, etc
17. Organise and book your wedding flowers
18. Choose and order your wedding rings
19. Order your wedding cake. Check with the reception venue if you will need to supply a cake stand and knife.

Three months before the wedding

20. Confirm wedding music with minister
21. Finalise your honeymoon plans and check for any visas or vaccinations that may be necessary
22. Book wedding night accommodation
23. Shop for your honeymoon and going away clothes
24. Place your wedding list with stores of your choice

Two months before wedding

25. Send out your wedding invitations at least 6 weeks before the wedding. Have your wedding present list ready
26. If presents are sent to you before the wedding send a thank you letter now
27. Ensure guests have details of local accommodation
28. Choose presents for best man, ushers, bridesmaids and mothers

One month before wedding

29. Any late invitation replies should be chased up to enable you to finalise the guest list
30. Work out the seating plan and write out the place cards
31. Check the wedding clothes will be ready on time (must be ready at least one week before)
32. Bride to visit the hairdresser to discuss what style is required and book final appointment

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33. Check all transportation has been arranged and checked the journey time to the church/registry office
34. Order money for the honeymoon
35. Notify banks, gas, insurance companies etc if bride planning to change her name
36. Advise caterers or venue of the final guest numbers in writing two weeks before the wedding
37. Do not forget to ensure the stag and hen nights are arranged
38. Final checks on the honeymoon arrangements. Check tickets, local currency, travellers cheques and passports
39. Pack your clothes for the honeymoon you will not need before the wedding
40. Have the rehearsal for the ceremony and check that the wedding orders of service have been given to the best man or ushers.
41. Final practise of hair and make up for the bride

Wedding day

42. The case for your honeymoon needs to be sent to your overnight hotel
43. After you have changed into your going away clothes, your wedding outfit needs to be packed and taken home
44. The wedding presents need to be carefully packed up and taken home
45. Any items that you have hired need to be arranged to be returned as soon as possible after the wedding
46. Wedding cake to be sent to people unable to attend the wedding

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