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# Organize Book 12+ Months...

**Engagement Party:** What better way to celebrate your engagement than a party with your loved ones?

6 **Honeymoon:** Begin daydreaming about where you'll kick off your post-wedding life.

**Bridal Party:** Break the happy news to your wedding party!

**Budget:** Make at least a tentative wedding budget. Read our 60+ tips to plan a budget wedding.

# **Wedding Officiant:**

Research and reserve your wedding officiant as soon as possible.

**Wedding inspo:** Start collecting material to inspire your wedding.

Wedding dress: Begin looking now to get your brain ticking.

₩ Honeymoon: Begin daydreaming about where you'll kick off your post-wedding life.

Guest list: Get a head start on your guest list.



**Date:** Start researching your desired wedding venue and lock it down.

Wedding Planner:  If you need some help from the experts, now is the time to organize a wedding planner (optional)	Wedding insurance: If you want to take extra precaution, consider wedding insurance (optional)
6-9 months to go	Date
Photographer and videographer: Research and hire a photographer and videographer (optional)  Caterer and cake: Conduct some taste tests and get your caterer and cake designer booked.  Entertainment: Book a great band, DJ or musician will set help set the right atmosphere.  Wedding Dress and Bridal Party Dresses: The 9 month mark is ideal to buy dresses so there's plenty of time for fittings. Make sure to find out the right silhouette for your body.  Wedding Officiant:  Arrange a meeting with your Wedding Officiant so you can discuss what you expect from their services.	Florist: Make inquiries at a number of florist, and select the florist who best understands your vision.  Gift registry: Create gift registries at a couple of different stores. Here are 10 wedding gifts that you can consider adding to your list!  Hotels: Inquire about hotels for guests arriving out of town, and book your hotel for your wedding night if that's part of your plans.  Rentals: Any items that you want to rent should be researched and reserved now. Unique wedding ceremony decorations add an extra special touch.  Save the dates: Let your loved ones know to keep the day of your wedding free by sending a "save the date" card. You can send it by mail, or by email.

# 3-5 months to go...

Invitations: Finalize the design and details of your wedding invitations. Check out our invitation wording guide, and invite etiquette guide.

**Transport:** Will you be arriving to your wedding by limo, or vintage car? Make a booking.

Honeymoon: If you haven't finalized your honeymoon, do it now.

Wedding rings: Start shopping for the perfect wedding rings.

Vendors: Finalize details with all wedding vendors. It's best to get everything in writing so you're all on the same page.

## Date



### **Wedding Dress and**

**Bridal Party Dresses:** In the lead up to your wedding organize dress fittings for yourself and your bridal party.

Hair and Makeup: Set up makeup and hair trials with a handful of reputable vendors. Whoever's skills blew you away the most - get them booked!



### Men's formalwear:

Remind your partner to get his own suit sorted, as well as his groomsmen's formalwear.

Wedding favors: Shop for wedding favors for your guests. If you're stuck on ideas, these 10 wedding favor ideas will be a hit with your guests.

# 2 months to go...

### **Seating arrangements:**

Create the seating plan for your reception, and if necessary, your ceremony as well.

**Vows:** Grab a pen and paper, and start writing your vows.

Dance class: Do you have two left feet? Consider booking some dance classes- you'll wow your guests with your new moves (optional)

**Invitations:** Mail out your invitations to your loved ones. Heads up expect to receive a couple of excited phone calls and messages!

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**Readings:** Decide who will have a spoken role at your wedding, and what they should say. Let them know.

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**Maid of Honor:** Contact your Maid of Honor to suss out important details about your Bachelorette Party.

## 1 month to go...

**Marriage License:** Apply to get a <u>Marriage License</u> - a document which authorizes your marriage.

Thank you gifts: Show your appreciation for the support your wedding party and parents have given with a small thank you present (optional).

Wedding program: Your guests will need to know the order of the day. Organize a wedding program so everyone is in the loop.

**Guests:** Contact any guests who still haven't given their RSVP.

## 2-3 weeks to go... Shoes: Make sure your **Bachelorette Party:** shoes are their most wearable by Celebrate your pending nuptials with your closest friends. Relieve all that wedding breaking them in. planning stress by getting a bit crazy! **Vendors:** Touch base one Wedding day survival kit: last time with your vendors to ensure the Buy or DIY a Wedding day survival kit details about your big day are correct and prepared with everything from bandages confirmed. to breath mints for your big day (optional) I week to go... Wedding dress: Pick up Honeymoon: Grab your your wedding dress, or have it delivered. suitcase, and get packing for your honeymoon! Here are some "do's and don'ts" of packing for your honeymoon.

Vendor payments: If you

have the time, why not make your final payments to your vendors now? You'll be thankful to have money issues out of mind

on your big day!

The final days before	Date
Rehearsal dinner: Hold your rehearsal dinner to polish up on all the final details of the reception.	Rings: Double check your precious wedding rings are packed/given to the best man or ring bearer.
Legal documents: Ensure that key documents such as your Marriage License are organized and are packed.	Manicure and pedicure:  Make sure your nails are in tip-top shape by getting a mani pedi (optional)
Check out our complete day-of checklist!  Legal documents: Your  Marriage Licence will need to be completed to make your nuptials legal.	Last minute check: Checking in on your vendors one last time, doing a lighting test run, and packing your emergency kit are just some of the last minute checks you can do.
Wedding dress: Take your dress to the cleaners as soon as you can.  Thank you cards: Send thank you cards to your wedding guests and any professionals who helped you put your wedding together.	Rented items: Return any rented items like tuxedos to their respective vendors, and give back any items borrowed from family and friends.

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