



# *Planning a Wedding A Simple Checklist*

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18 + months before your wedding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Agree on a budget with your family and partner.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book the church or register office</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If you are getting married in a Hotel / Manor house etc you need to book the registrar to come to you</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book your wedding cars</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book Photographer</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book video company</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book the reception venue and caterers.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose best man, ushers, bridesmaids, maids of honour, paige boys and girls etc</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start putting the guest list together</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book the honeymoon especially if you plan to travel during peak season.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider taking out wedding insurance.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start looking for the wedding dress and bridesmaid's dresses. If you plan to have them made book a designer at least eight months ahead of the wedding.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start a scrap book with images and articles from bridal magazines</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Start to visit some wedding fayres and get ideas</li></ul>
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6-7 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Arrange wedding stationary and get those invite sent out!</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalise the wedding present list</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Arrange discounts with local hotels and B&amp;B for potential guests</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Set up a website with info about your wedding – location, hotels &amp; B&amp;B's, guests lists, wedding list etc. (Ask me for help if your not sure.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Put the guest list together</li></ul>
5 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Arrange the hire of any formal wear for the groom, best man, ushers and the Fathers.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Place your wedding list with stores of your choice</li></ul>

4 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet and confirm arrangements with the minister. Discuss the service, any readings and your choice of music</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book registrar office now if appropriate</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Order wedding stationary</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Organise and book your wedding flowers. (It may be worth contacting other couples that are getting married the same day to see if you can share the cost of the flowers for the church.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose and order your wedding rings</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Order your wedding cake. (Check with the reception venue if you will need to supply a cake stand and knife.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Get your Honeymoon shots if your going somewhere really exotic!</li></ul>
3 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm wedding music and order of service with minister</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalise your honeymoon plans and check for any visas or vaccinations that may be necessary. (If the bride plans to change her name have the passport name changed now so they are the same as the travel documents, forms can be obtained from the Post Office)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Book you wedding night hotel (...and DON'T tell anyone where you are staying. They may just play that silly practical joke!)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Shop for your honeymoon and going away clothes</li></ul>

2 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> If presents are sent to you before the wedding send a thank you letter now.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure guests have details of local accommodation (refer them again to the website!)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose your presents for the best man, ushers, bridesmaids and mothers.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit the hairdresser to chat about what you want and maybe have a practice run to see what it looks like</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit the makeup artist and choose colours etc.) Maybe have a girly day with bridesmaids and mums with this and the hairdresser?)</li></ul>
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1 Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Any late invitation replies should be chased up to enable you to finalise the guest list.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Work out the seating plan and write out the place cards.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check that the wedding clothes will be ready on time (they need to be ready at least one week before).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bride to visit the hairdresser to discuss what style is required and to book final appointment. (Don't forget to take the brides wedding headdress if appropriate. )</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check all transportation has been arranged and check the journey time to the church.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Order spending money for the honeymoon.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify banks, gas, insurance companies etc if bride planning to change her name.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Advise caterers or receptions of the final guest numbers in writing two weeks before the wedding.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't forget to ensure the stag and hen nights are arranged.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pay for all the stuff you have to pay for (venue, church, flowers, cake etc)</li></ul>
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2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Final checks on the honeymoon arrangements. Check tickets, local currency, traveler's cheques and passports. (Please them in safe and secure place.)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack your clothes for the honeymoon you wont need before the wedding</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have the rehearsal for the wedding ceremony and check that the wedding 'orders of service' have been given to the best man or ushers</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check wedding dress accessories and the morning suits have been collected (try them to make sure they all still fit). Wear in any shoes that are new.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Final practice of hair and make up for the bride</li></ul>
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## The Big Day

- Get your photographer to arrive early to avoid traffic problems etc. (Better yet book one who does all day photography at no extra charge!)
- You need to be able to relax and enjoy your big day, so ask your friends and family to see that any arrangements are made for you on the day.
- The case for your honeymoon needs to be sent to your overnight hotel
- After you have changed into your going away clothes, your wedding outfits need to be packed and taken home.
- Your wedding presents need to be carefully packed up and taken home. keep your presents at a friends or family members home until you return from your honeymoon
- Any items that you have hired need to be arranged to be returned as soon as possible after the wedding
- Wedding cake is to be sent to people unable to attend the wedding
- If your going to the USA remember to get online early in the morning and apply for an ESTA number – print it and take it with you!!!