

# 12-Month Wedding Planning Checklist

Checklist · 49 items · 15 sections

Plan your wedding stress-free with a month-by-month timeline from engagement to honeymoon.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/12-month-wedding-checklist>

## MONTH 12: JUST ENGAGED

- Celebrate your engagement!  
**HIGH**
- Set your total wedding budget  
**HIGH**
- Discuss financial contributions with both families  
**HIGH**
- Choose your wedding date (or a range of preferred dates)  
**HIGH**
- Create an initial guest list to determine rough size  
**HIGH**
- Choose your wedding style and vibe (rustic, romantic, modern, garden, beach)

## MONTH 11: SECURE THE VENUE

- Research and visit ceremony venues: book early, most are taken 12-18 months out  
**HIGH**
- Research and visit reception venues  
**HIGH**
- Book your ceremony and reception venues  
**HIGH**
- Book your officiant, celebrant, or priest  
**HIGH**

## MONTH 10: VENDORS

- Begin wedding dress or suit shopping  
**HIGH**
- Research and book photographer and videographer  
**HIGH**

- Research and book caterer or confirm venue catering

HIGH

- Research and book live band or DJ

HIGH

- Book honeymoon travel and accommodation

HIGH

- Choose and ask wedding party members

HIGH

- Purchase wedding insurance

HIGH

## MONTH 9: ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Send save-the-dates (10-12 months before for destination, 6-8 months for local)

HIGH

- Set up wedding website

- Create wedding gift registry

## MONTH 8: MORE VENDORS

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- Book florist

HIGH

- Book hair and makeup artists

HIGH

- Order bridesmaid dresses and groomsmen attire

HIGH

- Book wedding cake baker

HIGH

- Book wedding transport

## MONTH 7: STATIONERY

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- Design and order wedding invitations

HIGH

## MONTH 6: INVITATIONS OUT

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- Send formal wedding invitations

HIGH

- Purchase wedding rings

HIGH

- Plan and book hens/bachelorette and bucks/bachelor parties

### **MONTH 5: TRIALS AND DETAILS**

- Attend hair and makeup trials  
**HIGH**
- Have first wedding dress fitting  
**HIGH**
- Arrange ceremony rehearsal details with venue and officiant

### **MONTH 4: WRITING**

- Write personalised wedding vows  
**HIGH**
- Plan ceremony order of service and confirm with officiant  
**HIGH**

### **MONTH 3: FINALISING**

- Chase and confirm all RSVPs: set firm deadline  
**HIGH**
- Finalise guest count and share with caterer  
**HIGH**
- Create seating plan / table plan  
**HIGH**
- Plan menu with caterer and confirm dietary requirements  
**HIGH**

### **MONTH 2: LEGAL**

- Give legal notice of intended marriage (required timing varies by country)  
**HIGH**
- Final wedding dress fitting  
**HIGH**
- Confirm all vendors and share final wedding day timeline  
**HIGH**
- Order ceremony programmes and day-of stationery

### **MONTH 1: FINAL COUNTDOWN**

- Confirm vendor payments and prepare tip envelopes  
**HIGH**

- Arrange beauty appointments: spray tan, nails, eyebrows

### **WEEK OF**

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- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

HIGH

- Pick up wedding dress

HIGH

- Pack for honeymoon

HIGH

### **WEDDING DAY**

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- Get a good night's sleep and enjoy your wedding day!

HIGH

### **AFTER WEDDING**

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- Collect marriage certificate and send thank-you notes

HIGH