

Pakistani Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 44 items · 13 sections

Every step of a traditional Pakistani wedding, from Dholki night to Valima reception.

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<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/pakistani-wedding-checklist>

12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Set total wedding budget across all events
HIGH
- Book Baraat hall and Valima venue
HIGH
- Book Mehndi night venue or arrange at home
HIGH
- Finalize rough guest list for each event
HIGH

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book photographer and videographer for all events
HIGH
- Book professional mehndi artist for bride (and optional for guests)
HIGH
- Book makeup artist for bride for multiple events
HIGH
- Begin shopping for bridal lehenga or sharara (Baraat)
HIGH
- Begin shopping for Mehndi outfit (yellow/green colors)
HIGH
- Book groom's sherwani and Baraat outfit
HIGH

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book Baraat traditional horse or decorated luxury car
HIGH
- Book traditional caterers for all events (Baraat, Valima, Mehndi)
HIGH

HIGH

- Plan menu (biryani, nihari, qorma, seekh kebab, desserts)

HIGH

- Book dhol players or band for Mehndi night

HIGH

- Arrange DJ or qawwali singer for Baraat if desired
- Send formal wedding cards (shaadi invitations)

HIGH

- Book Nikah khwan (Islamic scholar or qazi)

HIGH

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Prepare Nikah agreement and Mehr amount

HIGH

- Arrange two male Muslim witnesses for Nikah

HIGH

- Plan and book Dholki evenings (pre-wedding singing parties)
- Plan Mayun ceremony (turmeric/haldi for bride at home)
- Order traditional bridal jewelry (gold sets, bangles, necklace)

HIGH

- Arrange flower decorations (jasmine garlands, rose petals)

HIGH

- Book decorator for stage/takht nasheen setup

HIGH

- Plan separate seating arrangements for men and women if traditional

2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange dry fruit and mithai trays for guests (daig, barfi, laddoo)
- Confirm all fittings for bridal and groom outfits

HIGH

- Plan Rukhsati ceremony (bride's farewell from parents' home)

HIGH

- Arrange bridal doli or decorated wedding car for Rukhsati
- Plan Quran Khwani or dua session for ceremony

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Confirm all vendors for each event (Mehndi, Baraat, Valima)

HIGH

- Apply for NADRA marriage certificate registration

HIGH

- Prepare gift envelopes and salami for close family

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Confirm baraat guest list and transport arrangements

HIGH

WEEK OF

- Prepare cash tips for all vendors

PRE-WEDDING EVENTS

- Complete Dholki evenings with family and friends
- Complete Mayun ceremony: turmeric applied to bride
- Complete Mehndi night: apply henna, dance, music

HIGH

NIKAH

- Complete Nikah ceremony with Qazi and witnesses
- Sign Nikah Nama (marriage contract)

HIGH

HIGH

BARAAT DAY

- Complete Baraat reception and Walima if same day
- Perform Rukhsati: bride departs parents' home

HIGH

HIGH

VALIMA

- Host Valima reception (groom's family reception)

HIGH

AFTER WEDDING

- Register Nikah Nama with Union Council

HIGH