

# Wedding Planning Checklist

Checklist · 43 items · 10 sections

Plan your entire wedding with a clear month-by-month timeline, from booking venues to walking down the aisle. Pair this with the Wedding Budget Checklist to keep costs on track, the Bridal Shower Checklist for pre-wedding events, and the Wedding Day Checklist for the day itself. If you have more than a year, the 12-Month Wedding Checklist gives a slower-paced version.

Open the editable version online:

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

## 12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Set your wedding budget  
HIGH
- Decide on wedding date  
HIGH
- Create guest list (rough estimate)  
HIGH
- Research and book wedding venue  
HIGH
- Get engaged (announce on social media)
- Start wedding dress/suit shopping  
HIGH
- Book officiant or celebrant  
HIGH

## 9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research wedding photographers  
HIGH
- Book photographer and videographer  
HIGH
- Book caterer or confirm venue catering  
HIGH
- Book live band or DJ  
HIGH
- Book honeymoon travel and accommodation

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- Set up wedding website
- Register for wedding gifts (registry)
- Choose wedding party (bridesmaids, groomsmen)

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### 6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Send save-the-date cards
- Choose and book florist
- Order wedding cake or desserts
- Plan ceremony details and order of service
- Plan wedding reception layout
- Order bridesmaid dresses
- Book hair and makeup artists

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### 4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Send formal wedding invitations
- Arrange wedding transportation
- Purchase wedding rings
- Plan first dance song

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### 2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Finalize catering menu and dietary requirements
- Confirm RSVPs and finalize guest list
- Create seating chart
- Do final dress/suit fitting

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## 1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Write wedding vows  
HIGH
- Prepare wedding day timeline/schedule  
HIGH
- Confirm all vendors (photographer, caterer, DJ, etc.)  
HIGH
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests

## 1 MONTH BEFORE

- Get marriage license  
HIGH

## 1 WEEK BEFORE

- Pick up wedding dress/suit  
HIGH
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner  
HIGH
- Give final payment to vendors  
HIGH
- Prepare vendor tips (cash envelopes)
- Pack for honeymoon

## 1-3 DAYS BEFORE

- Get beauty treatments (manicure, facial)

## WEDDING DAY

- Enjoy your wedding day!  
HIGH