

Wedding Calendar Checklist

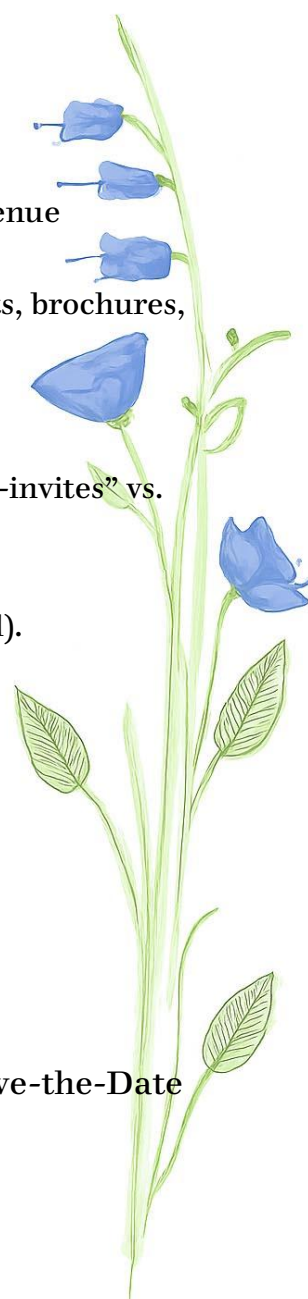
This checklist is designed with an (ideal) timetable of twelve months. If you're planning your wedding on a shorter schedule, just start at the beginning and catch up as quickly as possible.

9-12 MONTHS PRIOR TO WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Arrange a gathering for you and your parents.
- ☐ Determine budget and how expenses will be shared.
- ☐ Discuss the size, style, location, and scope of the wedding you want.
- ☐ Choose a target wedding date and time (actual date may depend on venue availability).
- ☐ Create a binder or digital folder to organise ideas, worksheets, receipts, brochures, etc.
- ☐ Visit and reserve wedding and reception sites.
- ☐ Meet with your officiant.
- ☐ Start compiling your guest list (consider budget when deciding “must-invites” vs. “nice-to-invites”).
- ☐ Begin shopping for the wedding gown.
- ☐ Research and hire a wedding planner or day-of coordinator (if desired).
- ☐ Set up a wedding website for details, registry info, and hotel blocks.
- ☐ Look into wedding insurance (optional, for peace of mind).

6-9 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Choose the members of your wedding party.
- ☐ Enrol in wedding/shower gift registries.
- ☐ Hire a photographer and a videographer.
- ☐ Book an engagement photo session (if including photos with Save-the-Date cards).
- ☐ Hire a caterer.
- ☐ Hire a florist.
- ☐ Book ceremony and reception music (band, soloist, or DJ).
- ☐ Reserve hotel room blocks for out-of-town guests (ask about group rates).



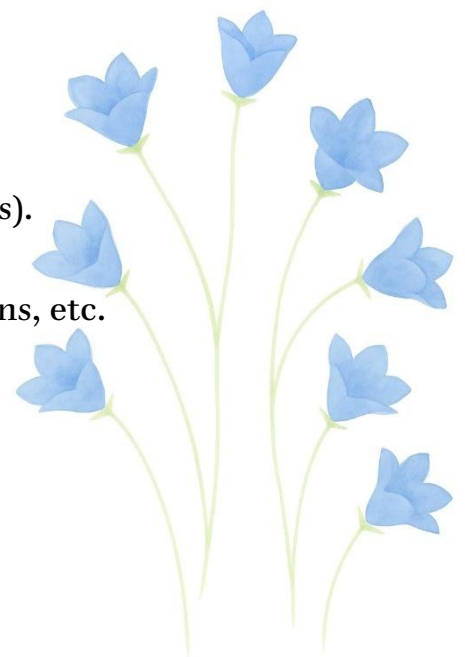
- ☐ Send Save-the-Date cards (include lodging info and maps if possible).
- ☐ Shop for wedding rings.
- ☐ Select and order wedding gown, leaving ample time for delivery and alterations.
- ☐ Shop for bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Schedule cake design appointments and tastings.
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon.
- ☐ Plan engagement party (if having one).
- ☐ Book rentals (chairs, linens, lighting, tents, etc. if venue does not provide).
- ☐ Schedule officiant prep or premarital counselling (if required).

4–6 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Finalise the guest list.
- ☐ Order invitations (25 extra) and other stationery (place cards, thank-you notes, programs).
- ☐ Plan wedding-day beauty preparations; ask stylists how far in advance they book wedding parties and if they travel on-site.
- ☐ Finalise honeymoon plans. (Arrange for visas, passports, or vaccinations if needed).
- ☐ Hire wedding-day transportation (carriage, limousine, shuttle, etc.).
- ☐ Plan the rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Book accommodations for yourselves (bridal suite, groom's suite, etc.).
- ☐ Choose ceremony readings and ask readers.
- ☐ Confirm draft wedding-day timeline with officiant and vendors.
- ☐ Plan bachelor/bachelorette parties (with attendants).

2–4 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Obtain a marriage license (bring necessary documents).
- ☐ Order tuxedos/suits for the groom and groomsmen.
- ☐ Meet with the caterer to go over menus, wine selections, etc.
- ☐ Order the wedding cake.
- ☐ Order wedding rings.
- ☐ Confirm ceremony and reception music.
- ☐ Book a hotel room for the wedding night.
- ☐ Begin writing your vows (if writing your own).
- ☐ Arrange wedding favours (if using).



- ☐ Order signage (welcome sign, seating chart, bar menus, etc.).
- ☐ Plan kids' activities or arrange child care (if children will attend).
- ☐ Arrange gown preservation/cleaning services for after the wedding.

4–8 WEEKS PRIOR

- ☐ Mail the wedding invitations (eight weeks before).
- ☐ Do a hair and makeup trial (include veil or hair accessories).
- ☐ Confirm all transportation plans.
- ☐ Break in your wedding shoes.
- ☐ Finalise ceremony programs.
- ☐ Provide photographer with must-have shot list.
- ☐ Confirm groomsmen attire fittings.



2–4 WEEKS PRIOR

- ☐ Work on seating arrangements for the reception.
- ☐ Finalise arrangements for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- ☐ Confirm details with photographer, florist, and other vendors.
- ☐ Have final fitting for bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Write rehearsal dinner toast.
- ☐ Purchase gifts for attendants.
- ☐ Compile a vendor and wedding party contact list (carry with you).
- ☐ Communicate rehearsal dinner details to attendees.
- ☐ Confirm dressing rooms for bride, groom, and attendants.
- ☐ Pack an emergency kit (safety pins, thread, blotting papers, tissues, mints, etc.).
- ☐ Practice first dance and parent dances.
- ☐ Organise vendor tips into labelled envelopes.

1 WEEK PRIOR

- ☐ Prepare envelopes with final payments and tips for vendors.
- ☐ Give caterer the final head count.
- ☐ Assign someone to transport important items (cake knife, toasting glasses, guest book, etc.) to the reception.
- ☐ Appoint someone as “organiser” for last-minute issues.
- ☐ Review final details with the wedding party.

- ☐ Get final beauty treatments (manicure, facial, waxing, massage, etc.).
- ☐ Assign someone to collect and transport gifts/cards safely.
- ☐ Double-check weather forecast and backup plan (if outdoors).
- ☐ Confirm breakfast/lunch for wedding party on wedding morning.

DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Steam/press gowns, dresses, and suits/tuxedos.
- ☐ Prepare something old, new, borrowed, and blue.
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon arrangements.
- ☐ Pack for the honeymoon.
- ☐ Enjoy a relaxing day with family/friends.
- ☐ Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner; give gifts to attendants.
- ☐ Give rings and officiant's fee to best man.
- ☐ Prepare printed vows or speech notes.
- ☐ Set aside snacks and bottled water for the morning.
- ☐ Try to get rest!

WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Bring marriage license to the ceremony.
- ☐ Relax and remain calm.
- ☐ Eat something (don't skip meals).
- ☐ Allow at least two hours for getting dressed.
- ☐ Keep a bridal/groom emergency kit nearby (makeup touch-ups, tissues, deodorant, etc.).
- ☐ ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

POST-WEDDING TO-DOs

- ☐ Send thank-you notes within 1-3 months.
- ☐ Return rentals (suits, linens, décor, etc.).
- ☐ Preserve gown and bouquet (optional).
- ☐ Share wedding photos/video with family.
- ☐ Leave reviews for vendors.
- ☐ Begin legal name change process (if applicable).

