

Wedding Planning Countdown

# *Here Comes the Guide*



## **Congratulations!**

We realize that you don't have very much time to plan one of the biggest days of your life. There's a lot to do—shopping, booking vendors, choosing flowers, taking pictures—but we can help you get it done! This checklist will consolidate everything in one place to help you stay on track with as little stress as possible. Take the extra space to add your own notes like the photographer's phone number, ideas for the honeymoon, or just doodles to clear your mind. There's a lot to be arranged, so get out your pen and start planning your dream wedding!

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## **Week 12**

You're engaged! Congratulations! You have found the love of your life, the one who swept you off your feet and was brave enough to ask you the question you will never forget. And you said yes! Now you have a wedding to plan and not much time to do it, so it's time to get started! This week you should start looking into the requirements on your budget, choose the main theme and colors, and book your venues before they fill up!

- Set the budget*
- Pick a date and decide what types of events you want to have*
- Decide where to have the ceremony, reception, and other events*
- Book your venues*
- Decide and ask who you want to be in your wedding party*
- Start on guest lists and ask parents to start theirs*
- Look into photographers, videographers, caterers, entertainment, and music*
- Organize how you want to keep track of vendor contact information, prices, and payments*
- Choose your colors and theme*
- Begin shopping for your wedding attire*

## **Week 11**

Now that you've checked into possible vendors, it's time to hire those you want. This would be a good week to get your photographer on the phone and schedule all your shoots! Oh and don't forget to get your wedding party together and go shopping for wedding day attire!

- Book your photographer for engagement, bridal, and wedding day photos*
- Book your videographer, caterer, entertainment, and music*
- Choose clothes for your engagement photos*
- Organize the addresses for your guest list to make sending invitations easy*
- Decide on your dress and/or suit and have your first fitting*
- Schedule engagement and bridal photos*

## **Week 10**

With a wedding date set in stone, now is the time to make sure your hair and/or makeup dream team is free the days you'll need them. Look through wedding magazines, scroll through Instagram, or ask a friend to help you to find your perfect florist, and don't forget to mark your calendar for your engagement photos this weekend!

- Find a florist and decide on flowers*
- Hire any remaining vendors for things like invitations, wedding cake, photo booth, or linens*
- Book hair, makeup, or any pamper session you will need for photo shoots and the big day*
- Take engagement photos*
- Register for wedding gifts*
- Finalize the guest list for all of your events*

## Week 9

This week it's important to make sure your future spouse has found wedding day attire. Be sure to order invitations this week so you can send them out far enough in advance. Take some time to start planning your post-wedding getaway.

- Plan the wedding luncheon or rehearsal dinner program*
- Choose dresses and tuxes for the bridal party*
- Send the groom to find his tuxedo*
- Plan the honeymoon*
- Finalize and order invitations*

## Week 8

This is the week to shop till you drop! Take a break from the craziness and go wild registering for gifts! It's also time to make sure the wedding rings will arrive in time.

- Contact friends and family who live out of town so they can make travel arrangements*
- Plan the details of your ceremony*
- Shop for wedding rings*
- Shop for decorations for the ceremony, reception, and other events*

## Week 7

Set aside a few hours to sit down and stuff those invitations. Invite your friends, turn on some tunes, and make a party out of it! Make sure you leave time to order your perfect cake and have your next fitting.

- Stuff and address announcements*
- Shop for accessories*
- Have your second fitting*
- Order your wedding cake*
- Plan the details of your reception, including pictures and signs you want to display*

## Week 6

The wedding is only six weeks away! You're halfway there! This means it's time to send out those invitations. Drop them off at the post office on your way to meet up with your vendors.

- Mail your invitations*
- Meet with any vendors to taste food and discuss plans*
- Book a limo or other mode of transportation to exit the wedding*
- Coordinate with family members about their outfits for the big day*

## Week 5

Things are finally slowing down, and you'll be relieved to know that you have most of the big things squared away. This week you can stay home and do some DIY projects while listening to the wedding playlist you've put together.

- Create a playlist or request list for your DJ/band*
- Shop for cake cutter, guest book, garter, and other accessories*
- Start on any DIY projects you have planned*

## Week 4

Get excited, because it's time to pick up your stuff like the dress, tuxedo, or rings! Double check that you have work off during your honeymoon. Think it's safe to say you wouldn't want your honeymoon interrupted by a phone call from your boss!

- Arrange for time off work while you'll be on the honeymoon*
- Pick up the rings*
- Pick up wedding day attire*

## Week 3

Finish up those DIY projects be sure to get that marriage license! Spend some time planning reception details before getting dressed up for bridal photos this weekend.

- Take bridal photos*
- Finish any DIY decorations*
- Get your marriage license*
- Create seating arrangements and placement cards*

## Week 2

It's getting down to the wire, but luckily there's not too much left to do! Make sure everything is good to go with your vendors, contact any last guests, and get something special for your family, bridesmaids, or groomsmen for all their help!

- Contact guests who have not RSVP'd*
- Finalize details with any vendors, photographers, and videographers*
- Shop for and wrap gifts for your bridesmaids or groomsmen*
- Delegate responsibilities, including who is bringing what, who is setting up and decorating, and who is bringing gifts and decorations home*

## Week 1

It's your last week being single. How are you feeling? Can you see the light at the end of the tunnel? You're getting so close! There's only a few things left before you get hitched!

- Give your caterer the final headcount*
- Pack for your honeymoon*
- Countdown till the big day (maybe just in case you haven't been doing that already)*

## *The Wedding Day*

Congratulations! You made it! Take everything in. Today will be one of the best days of your life. Remember, the most important thing is that you are getting married to the love of your life. Let yourself enjoy today and soak up every moment!