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A Complete Wedding Planning Checklist

12+ Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Begin Early Research

12 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Have Conversation with Wedding Stakeholders
- ★ Set Your Wedding Budget
- ★ Discuss Your Priorities
- ★ Decide If You'll Use a Planner
- ★ Research and Tour Venues
- ★ Begin Pulling Style and Decor Inspo

11 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Touch Base With Non-Negotiable Guest and Vendors
- ★ Finalize Your Date and Venue
- ★ Start Booking Vendors
- ★ Determine Your Wedding Party
- ★ Finalize Your Guest List

10 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Start Shopping for Wedding Day Attire
- ★ Book Hotel Room Blocks and Transportation

9 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Choose Save-the-Dates
- ★ Plan Your Entertainment
- ★ Begin Booking Rentals
- ★ Have an Engagement Photo Session

8 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Make Your Registry and Wedding Website
- ★ Send Save-the-Dates
- ★ Secure Insurance Policies
- ★ Daydream About Your Honeymoon

7 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Shop for Wedding Party Attire
- ★ Finalize All Vendor Hires
- ★ Secure Rehearsal Dinner Location

6 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Attend Premarital Counseling
- ★ Shop for Wedding Bands
- ★ Renew Your Passports
- ★ Secure Your Hair and Makeup Team
- ★ Complete Your Invitation Suite

5 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Order Formal Invitations
- ★ Plan Your Menu
- ★ Buy Additional Prewedding Outfits
- ★ Finalize Honeymoon Plans
- ★ Book a Ceremony Officiant
- ★ Begin Wedding Beauty Upkeep

4 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Send Shower Invites
- ★ Create a Music Wishlist
- ★ Plan Personalized Details
- ★ Finalize Your Ceremony Program

3 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Attend Your Wedding Shower
- ★ Purchase Thank-You Gifts for Family & Friends
- ★ Schedule Your Hair & Makeup Trial
- ★ Send Formal Wedding Invitations

2 Months Out from Wedding

- ★ Enjoy Your Bachelorette Party
- ★ Start Writing Your Vows
- ★ Plan Your Favors and Welcome Bags

1 Month Out from Wedding

- ★ Apply For a Marriage License
- ★ Make Final Wedding Attire Alterations
- ★ Confirm Wedding Party Attire
- ★ Make Your Seating Chart

2 Weeks Out from Wedding

- ★ Confirm All RSVPs
- ★ Schedule a Final Meeting with Your Planner or Day-Of Coordinator
- ★ Give Your Shot List to Your Photographer
- ★ Touch Base with Your Vendors
- ★ Share Your Music Requests
- ★ Book Final Beauty Appointments
- ★ Finalize Your Vows

The Week Of Wedding

- ★ Give Your Venue the Final Head Count
- ★ Press and Steam Your Outfit
- ★ Confirm Timing with Your Vendors
- ★ Pack Your Overnight Bag
- ★ Clean Your Wedding Rings
- ★ Practice Your Vows Out Loud
- ★ Write Your Partner a Day-Of Note and Package Their Gift

The Day Before

- ★ Give Your Pros Day-Of Contact Information
- ★ Write Checks and Organize Tip Envelopes
- ★ Hand Off Your Marriage Certificate
- ★ Give Gifts to Your Family and Wedding Party
- ★ Bring Small Decor to Your Venue
- ★ Rehearse Your Ceremony
- ★ Pass Off Your Wedding Bands
- ★ Enjoy Your Rehearsal Dinner