



Wedding Checklist

12+ Months

- Think about when and where you'd like to have your wedding.
- Nail down a budget. Include allowances for the venue, catering, florals, stationery, day-of look, gifts, etc.
- Research and book the ceremony and reception locations.
- Book any pros you just have to have, like A FROSTED AFFAIR as your wedding planner and designer, a band, and hair and makeup stylists.
- Start your search for your dress. You will instantly know which one it is when you find it.
- Get your engagement ring appraised and then insured ASAP!
- Reserve hotel room blocks.
- Decide whom you want to officiate your ceremony and book them.
- Create a "look fab" plan, including facials, teeth whitening, and haircuts
- Make a wedding website to give guests important info, like directions to the ceremony and reception venues, where to stay, activities, and your gift registry.



9 to 11 Months

- Find your wedding stationary and order your save-the-dates.
- Ask your picks for bridesmaids and groomsmen if they're up for being in your wedding party.
- Book your florist, photographer, musicians, cake baker, and other vendors.
- If there's no in-house caterer at your reception venue, interview candidates, and select one.
- Register for gifts and list them on your website.
- Order your gown and veil and schedule your dress fittings to start 3 months prior to wedding date.
- Choose the bridesmaid dresses and have your bridesmaids order them.

6 to 8 Months

- Plan the ceremony with your officiant. (Keep it short especially when you expect many young children or grandparents to be in attendance.) Keep religious requirements top of mind.
- Have engagement photos taken so you can get comfortable with your photographer and vice versa.
- Book your honeymoon!
- Groom: time to chose your day-of look. The groomsmen should also be told what to wear and fitted for rental tuxes if needed.
- Send out your save-the-dates!
- Iron out the rehearsal dinner details, like the time and location.
- Order the invitations and thank-you notes.
- Reserve venues for the welcome party, after-party, and the next-day brunch.
- Book A FROSTED AFFAIR as your day-of coordinator, if you're not having full- service planning.
- Schedule your beauty trials with your makeup and hairstylist.
- Buy any special lingerie you need.
- Purchase wedding insurance, if you're planning on getting it.



4 to 5 Months

- Finalize your flower proposal with your florist.
- Address your invitations or hand them off to your calligrapher.
- Buy your wedding day accessories (shoes, purse, and jewelry).
- Schedule dance lessons. (Trust me; you need them.)
- Complete your wedding cake order and order the groom's cake.
- Buy or rent ceremony decorations, like an aisle runner or program basket.
- Buy wedding rings!
- Order wedding favors for guests.
- Arrange for day-of transportation for guests, yourself and the groom, and the wedding party.

3 Months

- Have a blast at your bridal shower and bachelorette party!
- Finalize your playlist with your band/DJ.
- Know the steps to take to obtain a local marriage license.
- Write thank-you notes for gifts as they arrive.
- Finalize your ceremony details with your officiant.
- Have your first dress fitting. Remember to bring your shoes and undergarments.



2 Months

- Mail your wedding invitations at the six to the eight-week out mark. RSVPs should be due one month prior to the wedding.
- Work on your ceremony vows, especially if you're writing them yourself.
- Purchase presents for your parents, wedding party, each other and the guests staying in your hotel room block.
- Order or start making your ceremony programs.
- Buy your guest book, a nice pen, and any supplies you'll need for your escort card display.
- Confirm your hotel room blocks.
- Finalize the menu with your caterer.
- Create a timeline for the weekend and share it with your attendants, planner, and photographer.

1 Month

- Compile a must-take photo list for your photographer. Keep it under a dozen, so you get the pictures you really want!
- Put together your day-of emergency kit (bandages, deodorant, fashion tape, a sewing kit, etc.)
- Finish assembling ceremony programs or pick them up from your stationer or printer.
- Put together welcome baskets for out-of-town guests.
- Send out invites for the rehearsal dinner.
- Buy some fun books and new clothes for your honeymoon.



1 to 2 Weeks

- Missing RSVPs? Follow up ASAP.
- Once you've got your final head count, share it with the caterer, cake baker, A FROSTED AFFAIR and anyone else that needs a final head count.
- Give A FROSTED AFFAIR and/or caterer the final seating chart.
- Any extra items (like an extra catering tent for outdoor weddings) pass on to A FROSTED AFFAIR to wrap things up.
- Print or write your escort cards or send them to your calligrapher.
- Have your last dress fitting. Have the dress delivered to the venue or put it in a secret place at home away from your fiancé!
- Confirm all final payment amounts, details, and deliveries with your vendors.
- Double-check the day-of schedule and contact list and hand them off to A FROSTED AFFAIR to keep track of vendors and keep them on point.
- Write your wedding toasts.
- Pick up your marriage license.
- Give a "must play" and "don't play" song list to the DJ or band. Include first dances: couple, father-daughter, mother-son and any others.
- Get a final hair trim and color touch up.
- Arrange for transportation for out-of-town guests who aren't renting cars, (if you are providing transportation from hotels with room blocks).
- Give tips to the appropriate people. Hand all money to A FROSTED AFFAIR to distribute on the day-of.



2 to 3 Days

- Pack an overnight bag for the wedding night, include an outfit for next-day brunch.
- Leave a copy of your finalized honeymoon itinerary with your family and pet sitters.
- Steam your dress and suit for any wrinkles.
- Touch base with the ceremony and reception site one more time to go over schedule, when and where to meet the photographer or any last minute details if they are not being handled by A FROSTED AFFAIR.
- Plan the processional/recessional--how to hold the flowers, when to queue flower girl, etc.
- Deliver welcome bags to out-of-town guests' hotel rooms. Bring money for the hotel bellmen if a tip is not included or a bag drop is not included in the hotel block.

1 Day Before

- Get a fresh manicure and pedicure.
- Bring all ceremony accessories or religious pieces to the ceremony site.
- Give the marriage license to your officiant.
- Rehearse the ceremony and have a little fun at your rehearsal dinner. Give your attendants their presents.



Wedding Day

- Eat breakfast. This might be your last meal whether by choice or not!
- Give gifts to your parents and each other.
- Hand off the wedding bands to the best man (or maid of honor if more reliable).
- Give the officiant's fee to A FROSTED AFFAIR to give to the officiant after their wedding duties have concluded.

You're Married!!!

Post Wedding To-Dos

- Freeze the top layer of cake to eat on your one-year anniversary.
- Have your wedding dress cleaned and/or preserved and return any tuxedo rentals.
- Send your pros/vendors thank you notes and submit online reviews or accolades.
- Thank your attendants for standing by you on the day and during the wedding planning, and tell them about the honeymoon!
- Finish up thank-you notes for gifts.
- Are you changing your name? Each state has their own requirements. Make sure you get your driver's license, passport, and all credit cards/ insurances switched over. Hitch Switch is a great service that gives you paperwork and pre-stamped envelopes to help guide you through the process.