

WEDDING checklist

AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT

- ☐ Celebrate & announce the news
- ☐ Get your ring insured
- ☐ Create a wedding email address
- ☐ Set your overall budget & priorities
- ☐ Make a guest list draft
- ☐ Choose potential dates & season
- ☐ Discuss who's contributing financially
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner (optional)
- ☐ Start collecting inspiration (Pinterest, Instagram)
- ☐ Create a wedding planning binder or Google Drive folder

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Choose venue & secure the date
- ☐ Book officiant or church
- ☐ Book photographer & videographer
- ☐ Start wedding dress shopping
- ☐ Choose color theme & style
- ☐ Research caterers, florists, DJs/bands
- ☐ Create wedding website & registry
- ☐ Book hotel blocks for guests
- ☐ Plan engagement party or photoshoot
- ☐ Start honeymoon destination ideas

10–11 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Hire caterer, florist, and entertainment
- ☐ Confirm officiant details
- ☐ Choose wedding party (bridesmaids, groomsmen)
- ☐ Research transportation options
- ☐ Finalize guest list numbers
- ☐ Schedule engagement photoshoot
- ☐ Start DIY decor or stationery planning
- ☐ Begin fitness or wellness routine (optional)

7–9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Order wedding dress
- ☐ Choose bridesmaid & groomsmen outfits
- ☐ Send save-the-dates
- ☐ Book transportation & rentals (chairs, linens)
- ☐ Plan ceremony readings & music
- ☐ Book cake baker
- ☐ Begin honeymoon booking & passport check
- ☐ Schedule hair & makeup trials
- ☐ Research wedding insurance (if needed)

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Finalize menu with caterer
- ☐ Confirm florist design & decorations
- ☐ Order wedding bands
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings
- ☐ Book hotel suite for wedding night
- ☐ Plan bachelor/bachelorette parties
- ☐ Confirm photographer shot list ideas
- ☐ Choose invitations design
- ☐ Plan ceremony timeline
- ☐ Arrange engagement gifts for wedding party

2–3 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Send wedding invitations
- ☐ Schedule final dress fitting
- ☐ Confirm RSVPs & dietary needs
- ☐ Finalize seating chart layout
- ☐ Meet with officiant for ceremony details
- ☐ Confirm delivery times with all vendors
- ☐ Buy gifts for bridal party & parents
- ☐ Apply for marriage license
- ☐ Create wedding-day timeline
- ☐ Plan reception playlist

1 MONTH BEFORE

- ☐ Final dress fitting & pick-up
- ☐ Final headcount to caterer
- ☐ Review timeline with all vendors
- ☐ Write vows or speeches
- ☐ Prepare tip envelopes & final payments
- ☐ Pack honeymoon bags
- ☐ Break in wedding shoes
- ☐ Finalize seating chart & place cards
- ☐ Confirm photographer shot list
- ☐ Prepare emergency kit (safety pins, tissues, etc.)

1 WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm vendors & timeline
- ☐ Rehearsal + dinner
- ☐ Pick up dress/suit
- ☐ Prepare emergency kit
- ☐ Organize tip envelopes

1 DAY BEFORE

- ☐ Rehearse ceremony
- ☐ Set up décor items at venue
- ☐ Hand off payments & contacts
- ☐ Relax, rest, hydrate

WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Eat & drink water
- ☐ Hair & makeup on time
- ☐ Take photos & enjoy
- ☐ Give rings & license to officiant
- ☐ Celebrate!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- ☐ File marriage license
- ☐ Send thank-you cards
- ☐ Leave vendor reviews
- ☐ Clean & store dress
- ☐ Back up photos/videos
- ☐ Change name (if applicable)