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Wedding Planning Checklist

One Year

- First things first.. tell family and friends you are getting hitched!
- Choose your Wedding Date
- Determine your wedding budget
- If you are planning to hire a wedding coordinator, now would be the time to book!
- Create an approximate invite listing
- Select and reserve ceremony and reception venues
- Book your wedding photographer and set a date for your engagement shoot
- Begin looking for bridal gown
- Determine your wedding color scheme
- Obtain any documents needed for travel and marriage licenses
(Passports, visas, birth certificates, etc.)

Nine Months

- Choose wedding party and ask them to be a part of your big day!
- Choose and book your florist
- Book your Officiant (Minister, Priest, Rabbi, other)
- Choose attire for bridesmaids, mother's of the bride and groom, and flower girl
- Choose and book your DJ or live band for reception
- Register for your wedding gifts
- Select & order wedding bands
- Start planning your honeymoon
- Book plane tickets for honeymoon or destination wedding

Six Months

- Arrange marriage prep-courses if needed
- Reserve rental items
- Select and book decorator
- Finalize guest list
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Choose and order invitations
- Set date, time and location for rehearsal dinner
- Select & book honeymoon night suite
- Purchase your wedding gifts to each other
- Purchase wedding party and parent gifts
- Buy shoes, lingerie & accessories for the bride and bridesmaids

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Two Months

- Have bridal shower
- Record shower gifts & send thank-yous
- Purchase ceremony & reception accessories
- Reserve desired groomsmen's wedding attire
- Send rehearsal dinner invitations
- Choose something old, new, borrowed, and blue

One Month

- Finalize menu for wedding with caterer
- Finalize ceremony details with Officiant
- Finalize music with DJ
- Finalize reception details
- Finalize details with florist
- Final fittings for bridal party
- Make a wedding day itinerary and give to all vendors
- Create seating plan and print seating cards (or have seating chart made)
- Contact guests who haven't RSVP'D
- Pick up wedding rings
- Plan rehearsal dinner

One Week

- Give caterer/reception venue final tally of guests
- Pack for your honeymoon
- Arrange pet and home care while you are away
- Finalize details with your photographer

One - Two Days

- Drop accessories & decor off at venues
- Bring any gifts to hand out at rehearsal dinner
- Make final payment envelopes
- Pack for wedding night
- Make sure wedding party has their itinerary

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Wedding Day!

- Pack anything your "To Bring" list in your vehicle
- Make sure you have:
 - Marriage license
 - Permits needed
 - Wedding rings (Give to Maid of Honor & Best Man)
 - Gift for Groom (give to Best Man)
- Put your engagement ring on your right hand
- Remember to take a moment to *enjoy* the details of the beautiful day you planned, take a deep breath and *relax*, and don't forget to *eat* ;)

Notes