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## Your Wedding checklist

Wedding planning can get overwhelming. In many cases, there are tasks that should be completed up to a year ahead of the event. This handy checklist will help you stay on top of all of the important details right up to the big day.

### NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE

- Decide on a wedding budget and track all your expenses accordingly.
- Set a date.
- Make a guest list.
- Research venues for your ceremony and reception and book the one(s) that you like.
- Decide if you want a bridal party and choose who you want to be part of your day.
- Start collecting your guest's addresses.

### EIGHT MONTHS BEFORE

- Shop for and purchase a wedding gown.
- Book your vendors for the day: photographer, DJ or musician, florist, cake maker and caterer (if food isn't included with your venue).
- Register for gifts.
- Build a wedding website that your guests can visit for extra information concerning your wedding.

### SIX MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose an officiant.
- Shop for and purchase bridesmaid's dresses.

- Order the invitations.
- Buy your wedding bands.

### FOUR MONTHS BEFORE

- Reserve transportation to and from the ceremony and reception venues, if necessary.
- Have a cake tasting and finalize the cake design.
- Schedule hair and makeup appointments and don't forget to book trial runs for both.
- Make a plan for decorating your ceremony and reception spaces.

### THREE MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose and order the groom's outfit.
- Start thinking about the music and choose songs for the ceremony and the first dance. You may want to make a separate list for party music.
- Have a tasting with your caterer to set the menu.
- Start planning the rehearsal dinner.
- Select wedding favours and order them.

### TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out the invitations.
- Make sure the bridesmaids and groomsmen have their outfits.
- Have the first wedding dress fitting.
- Shop for and buy gifts for your bridal party.

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