

The Date And Planning Calendar

To plan a perfect wedding many details must be given careful attention. By taking everything one step at a time—item by item, day by day—you will be able to proceed in an orderly manner with nothing overlooked.

The following is presented as a suggested guide. You may however, wish to modify it to suit your individual circumstances.

Six To 12 Months Before

- Select a wedding date and time.
- Make a preliminary budget.
- Reserve your ceremony and reception

locations.

- Determine who will officiate at the ceremony.
- Hire a wedding consultant if you plan to use one.
- Decide on your colour scheme.
- Determine your wedding theme or style.
- Determine the size of the guest list.
- Start compiling names and addresses of guests.
- Select bridal attendants.
- Have fiancé select his attendants.
- Plan reception, including location and

caterer.

- Select a professional photographer.
- Select a reliable, creative florist.
- Select your dress and headpiece.
- Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- Select bridesmaids' dresses.
- Select engagement ring with fiancé, if he hasn't already done so.

Four Months Before

- Make final arrangements for ceremony (deposits should be paid, contracts signed).
- Make sure all bridal attire is ordered.
- Have both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- Register at a bridal registry in the towns of both families.
- Order invitations and personal stationery.
- Complete the guest lists and compile them in order.
- Select the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Check requirements for marriage license and waiting period, if there is one.
- Make an appointment for a physical exam.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Start planning the honeymoon.
- Decide where you will live after the wedding.
- Begin shopping for trousseau.

Two Months Before

- Address invitations and announcements. They should be mailed four to six weeks before the wedding.
- Finalize all details with caterer, photographer, florist, reception hall manager, musicians, etc.
- Order wedding cake, if not supplied by caterer.
- Finalize ceremony details with officiant.
- Make rehearsal arrangements.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Plan bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Make appointments with your hairdresser.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants or guests.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.

One Month Before

- Have a final fitting for bridal and attendant gowns.
- Have a formal bridal portrait done.
- Complete all physical or dental appointments.
- Get blood tests and marriage license.
- Make transportation arrangements for wedding day.
- Purchase gifts for attendants.
- Purchase gift for fiancé, if gifts are being exchanged.
- Have bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Purchase going-away outfit.
- Keep a careful record of all gifts received (write thank-you notes immediately instead of letting them pile up).
- Make sure you have toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc.
- Select responsible person to handle guest book and determine its location.

Two Weeks Before

- Attend to business and legal details. Get necessary forms to change names on government cards, driver's license, insurance and medical plans, bank accounts; make a will.
- Prepare wedding announcements to be sent to newspaper.
- Reconfirm the accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Arrange to have possessions and gifts moved to your new home. Give a change-of-address card to the post office.
- Finish addressing announcements to be mailed on the wedding day.

One Week Before

- Contact guests who have not responded.
- Give the final count to caterer and review details.
- Go over final details with all professional services you have engaged. Inform them of any changes.
- Give photographer the list of pictures you want.
- Give all-musicians the lists of music for the ceremony and reception.
- Plan the seating arrangements.
- Arrange for someone to assist

with last-minute errands and to help you dress.

- Practice having your hair done to make sure it comes out properly and determine the time it will take.
 - Practice using your makeup in the same type of lighting you will have on the wedding day.
 - Keep up with the writing of your thank-you notes.
 - Pack your suitcase for the honeymoon.
 - Make sure you have the marriage license.
 - Make sure you have the wedding rings and that they fit.
 - Make sure all wedding attire is picked up and fits.
 - Have a rehearsal with all participants, reviewing their duties.
 - Attend rehearsal dinner party. Stay calm and enjoy yourself.
 - Stay with your family the night before the wedding. Get to bed early. You will want to look and feel great the next day.
- On The Wedding Day
- Be sure to eat something. You have a big day ahead, and many brides have been known to faint.
 - Take a nice, relaxing bath.
 - Fix hair or have an appointment to have it done at least three to four hours before the ceremony.
 - Make sure nails are done. Allow plenty of time to apply makeup. Have all accessories together.
 - Start dressing one to one-and-a-half hours before ceremony. If pictures are being taken before ceremony, have yourself and attendants ready about two hours before ceremony.
 - Have music start 30 minutes before the ceremony.
 - Have guests seated. Five minutes before processional, the bride's mother is seated, and the aisle runner is rolled out.
- After The Wedding
- Send announcements and wedding picture to newspapers.
 - Mail announcements.
 - Write and mail thank-you notes.

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1959 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD LIMOUSINE

Welcome to Hollywood boulevard, 1959. Elvis Presley steps out of his prized 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Limousine... only his was pink!

This rare Cadillac Fleetwood series 75 Limousine is 1 out of 690 built in February 1959 in Detroit Michigan. According to the Cadillac Lasalle Club in Chicago, there are apparently only 11 left in the world. The original cost was \$13,400.00 which was about \$6,500.00 more than the top of the line Cadillac at that time.

This particular limousine is 1 out of 30 made with a Power Divider Glass. It is also equipped with Air Ride

Suspension and Cruise Control, both new and rare features in 1959. Ironically, it did not have air conditioning, which was an expected feature in limousines in the 50's. It is assumed the owner requested it that way.

This Hollywood classic was found by its original owner, abandoned in a corn field in Norwood, Ontario (near Belleville) by a farmer who had won it in a poker game years beforehand (excuse the pun). The farmer's wife was not keen on her husband's winnings and ordered the vehicle be put out to pasture. The farmer refused to "sell" it to the persis-

tent new admirer but was willing to trade it for a vehicle that would appease his wife. Finally, in May, 1986, after several "unsuitable" vehicles were brought forth, the limousine was traded equally for a 1976 Chevy Nova!

Today, this Memory Lane Limousine has been lovingly restored. Operating as a commercial vehicle, it also has a few new luxury items added, like a colour TV, cassette stereo, dual air and a liquor bar. After all, Elvis would have wanted it that way!

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