



Wedding Checklist

Congratulations! You and the love of your life are engaged. Now you are ready to begin planning your dream wedding. Not sure where to start? We have you covered!

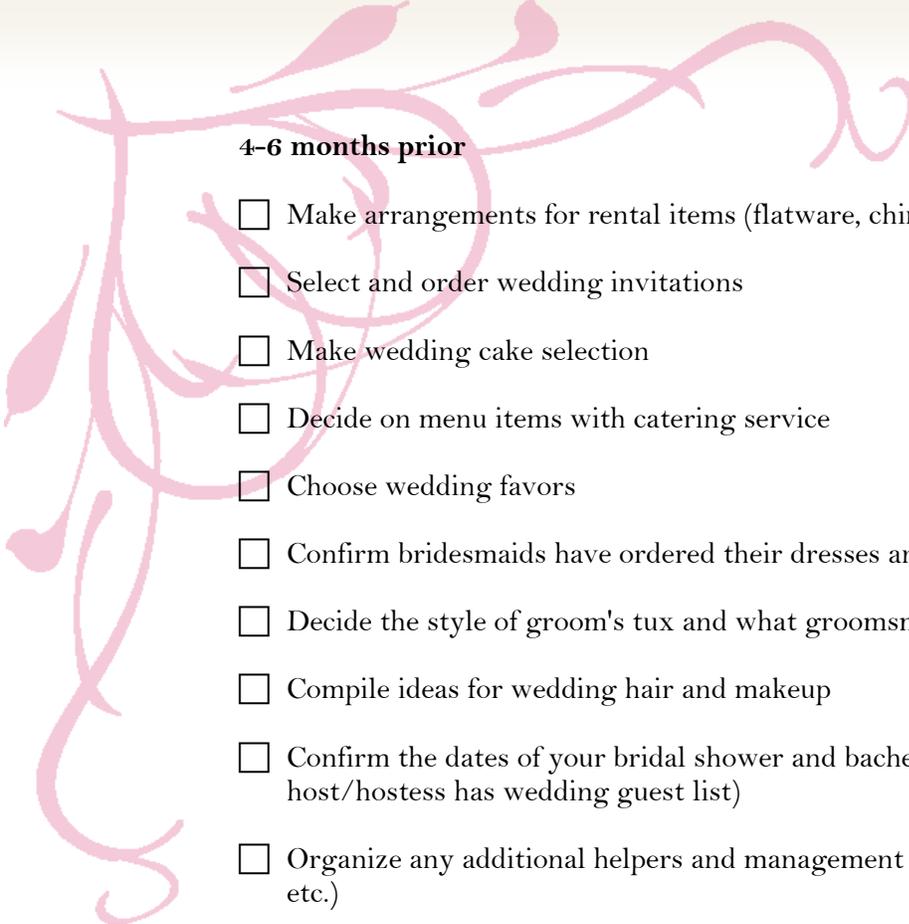
This comprehensive timeline checklist will help you as you take on the role of wedding planner – from 9-12 months before to the first days after your wedding day.

9-12 months prior

- Announce your engagement
- Create a wedding binder
- Determine your budget and who will pay for what
- Choose members of the wedding party
- Decide the style and formality of your special day (formal, semi-formal, informal...)
- Reserve dates and venues for ceremony and reception locations
- Research photographers, bands, florists, bakeries and caterers
- Begin drafting your guest list
- Have an engagement party, if you wish

6-9 months prior

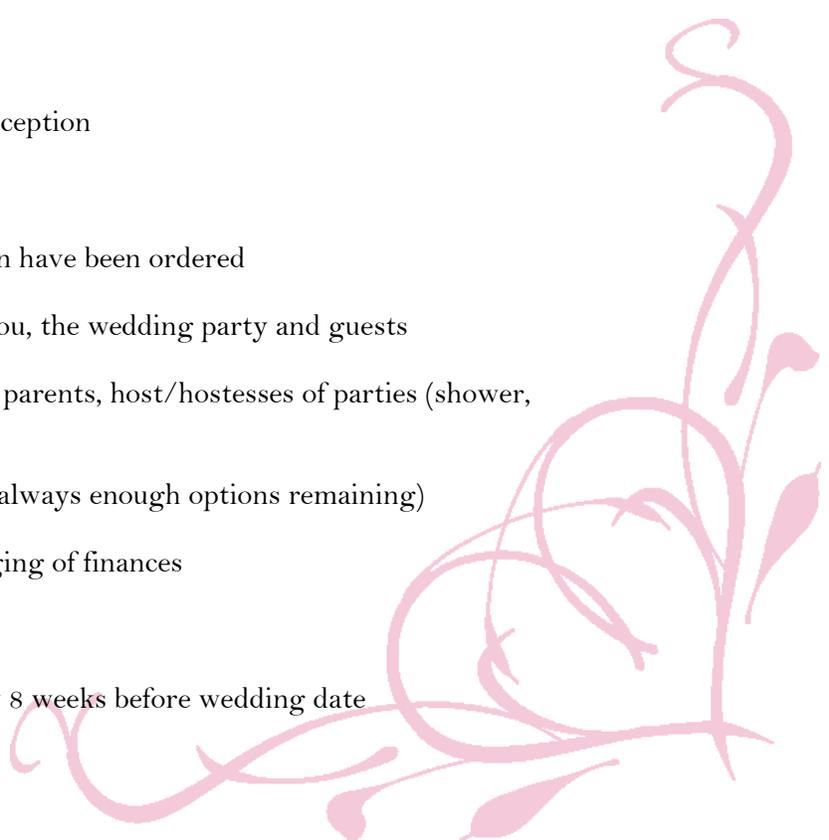
- Hire wedding photographer and videographer
- Book entertainment (DJ, band, etc.)
- Select and hire catering service
- Consider gift registry options
- Reserve over-night accommodations for out-of-town guest (should vary in price ranges)
- Book officiant
- Decide on bridesmaids dresses and accessories
- Begin shopping for your dream dress and accessories
- Book honeymoon

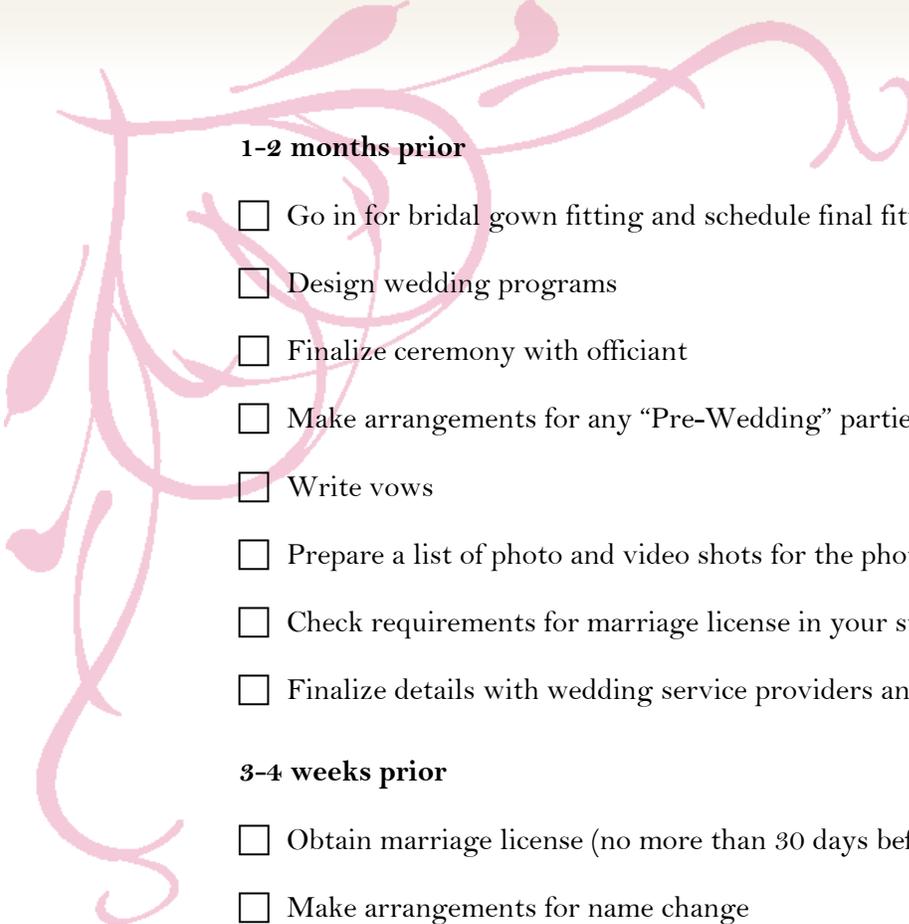


4-6 months prior

- Make arrangements for rental items (flatware, china, tents, arches, etc.)
- Select and order wedding invitations
- Make wedding cake selection
- Decide on menu items with catering service
- Choose wedding favors
- Confirm bridesmaids have ordered their dresses and accessories
- Decide the style of groom's tux and what groomsmen will be wearing
- Compile ideas for wedding hair and makeup
- Confirm the dates of your bridal shower and bachelor/bachelorette parties (make sure host/hostess has wedding guest list)
- Organize any additional helpers and management staff (readers, musicians, babysitters, etc.)
- Arrange for wedding insurance, if you wish
- Purchase wedding rings

2-4 months prior

- Choose rehearsal dinner location and finalize plans
 - Finalize wedding guest list and send invitations
 - Finalize menu with catering service
 - Decide on music for the ceremony and reception
 - Book a makeup artist and hairstylist
 - Confirm tuxes for groom and groomsmen have been ordered
 - Make transportation arrangements for you, the wedding party and guests
 - Find gifts for each other, wedding party, parents, host/hostesses of parties (shower, bachelor, bachelorette)
 - Check on gift registry (be sure there are always enough options remaining)
 - Organize bank accounts, insurance, merging of finances
 - Begin preparing for your honeymoon
 - Send invitations to guests approximately 8 weeks before wedding date
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1-2 months prior

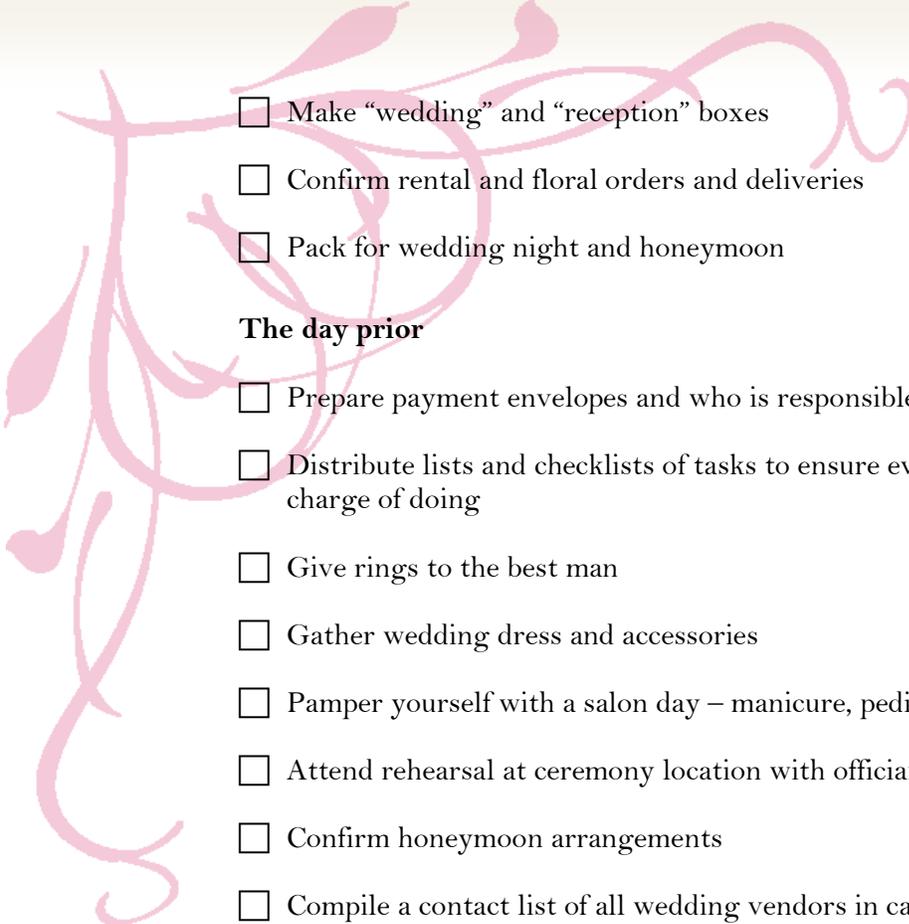
- Go in for bridal gown fitting and schedule final fitting
- Design wedding programs
- Finalize ceremony with officiant
- Make arrangements for any “Pre-Wedding” parties
- Write vows
- Prepare a list of photo and video shots for the photographer/videographer
- Check requirements for marriage license in your state
- Finalize details with wedding service providers and finalize

3-4 weeks prior

- Obtain marriage license (no more than 30 days before the wedding)
- Make arrangements for name change
- Send invitations for rehearsal dinner
- Meet with hairstylist and makeup artist to discuss looks
- Confirm accommodations for out-of-town guests

1-2 weeks prior

- Make final payments for any services that require payment
 - Go in for final bridal gown fitting
 - Compose final wedding schedule and distribute to attendants, parents and vendors
 - Pick up wedding dress and organize all accessories
 - Reconfirm all plans for your big day (ceremony and reception venues, florists, photographer/videographer, musicians, band, catering service, bakery, etc.)
 - Provide catering service with a final head count
 - Provide wedding party and your guests a wedding itinerary and maps
 - Put someone in charge of emergency numbers of honeymoon locations, credit card numbers, pets, etc.
 - Finalize seating arrangements for reception
 - Prepare place cards
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- Make “wedding” and “reception” boxes
 - Confirm rental and floral orders and deliveries
 - Pack for wedding night and honeymoon

The day prior

- Prepare payment envelopes and who is responsible for each one
- Distribute lists and checklists of tasks to ensure everyone knows what they are in charge of doing
- Give rings to the best man
- Gather wedding dress and accessories
- Pamper yourself with a salon day – manicure, pedicure, massage
- Attend rehearsal at ceremony location with officiant and wedding party
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- Compile a contact list of all wedding vendors in case of an emergency

The day of your wedding

- Go to hair and makeup appointments
- Make sure you remember the rings and wedding license

After the wedding

- Have wedding dress cleaned and preserved
- Preserve bouquet
- Write thank you notes and send
- Complete name change process
- Finalize albums/videos with the photographer/videographer

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