

Your Timetable

Careful planning and scheduling will enable you to relax and truly enjoy every moment of your wedding day. For large, formal weddings, arrangements should begin at least 6-12 months in advance to enable your suppliers to provide the best quality and service. Note: we recommend sharing some of the planning duties with your fiancé.

Six to Twelve Months:

Decide budget

Decide type of wedding

Choose location of ceremony

Select type of clergy

Choose attendants

Select gown, veil & accessories

Select attendants' gowns.

Compile invitation list

Select reception site

Plan details of reception

Select men's formal wear

Select photographer

Select videographer

Select florist

Select caterer

Select bridal registry

Select musicians and music for ceremony

Select musicians and music for reception

Discuss honeymoon plans

Reserve limousines

Order wedding favors

Formal _____ Informal _____

No. Bride _____ No. Groom _____

Four to Six Months:

Order invitations, stationary, wedding programs

Finalize honeymoon plans

Shop for trousseau

Find a place to live

Shop for home furnishings

Set appointment for physical exam and update immunizations

Order flowers

Shop for wedding bands

Send for, or renew, passport if necessary

Two Months:

Address wedding invitations and/or announcements

Call local newspaper on wedding announcement deadline

Select attendants' gifts

Try out new hair styles you may be considering

Set date with fiancé to get marriage license
Gown fittings, appointments for attendants' fittings
Reserve rental items for ceremony and reception

Order wedding and groom's cake
Mail invitations to arrive six weeks before wedding

Rental Shop: _____
Phone: _____
Cake Shop: _____
Phone: _____

One Month:

Arrange for final gown fitting
Remind attendants of final fitting
Make reservations for rehearsal dinner
Have formal wedding portrait taken
Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon
Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests
Buy groom's wedding gift, attendants' gifts
Confirm honeymoon trip reservations. Check luggage.

Two Weeks:

Record wedding gifts as they arrive. Write thank you notes promptly.
Double-check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party.
Confirm date & time of rehearsal with members of the wedding party.
Review reception seating plans and make place cards if necessary
Arrange to move our belongings to new home
Schedule hair and manicure appointments
Complete trousseau shopping
Arrange for name and address changes on accounts, credit cards, licenses, insurance policies, utilities

Date/Time: _____

One Week:

Have final consultations with caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, and limousine
Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer
Host bridesmaids' luncheon

Begin packing for honeymoon
Relax and get plenty of rest... the planning is complete, let the festivities begin!

Restaurant: _____
Date/time: _____