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Checklist and Timeline

6 - 12 months before the big day.

- & Decide on a date.
- & Make an appointment with Clergyman / Officiant.
- & Determine a budget.
- & Compose a guest list.
- & Set time, location of Ceremony, Rehearsal & Reception Venue.
- & Choose Professional Photographer / Videographer.
- & Shop for wedding gown: Several fittings will be required.
- & Obtain Floral & Music estimates; book services if possible.
- & Register with gift registry.
- & Select brides maids.
- & Pick a honeymoon destination: (renew passports & inoculations.)
- & Begin selection of a Caterer.
- & Set a date to order dresses for bridesmaids.

5 months before the big day.

- & Finalize guest lists.
- & Order invitations & announcements.
- & Order personal stationery & thank you notes.
- & Plan reception.
- & Choose florist.
- & Men choose attire.
- & Make honeymoon reservations.
- & Choose caterer.
- & Confirm delivery of bridal gown.
- & Make appointment for bridal portrait.
- & Order wedding cake.
- & Arrange transportation for the bridal party to & from ceremony/reception.
- & Go over details of reception with caterer / hotel manager.
- & If you are renting any equipment, reserve now. (arch, floral pillars etc.)

2 months before the big day.

- & Inform clergyman of all the details of your ceremony.
- & Keep a gift diary - send thank you notes as gifts arrive.
- & Fine tune guest list.
- & Plan rehearsal dinner.
- & Select attendants' gifts, grooms gift.
- & Check all services.
- & Make moving arrangements.
- & Final gown fitting.
- & Bridal portrait setting.



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1 month before the big day.

- & Choose wedding bands.
- & Mail invitations.
- & Make room reservations for out of town guests.
- & Check wedding party apparel.
- & Confirm music arrangements & check selections.
- & Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon.
- & Discuss rehearsal dinner with hosts.
- & Attend showers.
- & Marriage license. Check your state for requirements.

2 weeks before the big day.

- & Plan your wedding day hair style. (bring headpiece & veil).
- & Schedule hair appointment for day of wedding.
- & Final check on bridal party clothing.
- & Notify newspapers.
- & Arrange for name & address change.
- & Check with caterer / reception venue with last minute changes.

1 week before the big day.

- & Remind rehearsal dinner guests of time / location.
- & Start honeymoon packing/shopping.
- & Wrap groom's & attendants' gifts.
- & Check wedding announcements, ready to mail day after wedding.
- & Bridesmaids' luncheon.
- & Schedule rehearsal for 1 - 2 days prior to wedding.
- & Remind wedding party of exact time & place.
- & Go over final details of ceremony & reception with all parties involved.
- & Assign small jobs to family/friends. (pick up guest book, cameras etc.)

1 day before the big day.

- & Have manicure & pedicure done.
- & Attend wedding rehearsal & dinner.
- & Give ushers guest list.

Wedding Day

- & Eat!
- & Hair & make-up.
- & Check wedding dress (pressing/steaming).
- & Have family member check ceremony/reception for left behind items.
- & Change of clothes. (if leaving for honeymoon).
- & Breathe! Enjoy your day.

Make an emergency kit: Include. . . .

Make-up, extra panty hose, bobby pins, safety pins, clear nail polish, comb, hair spray, hanky or tissues, needle & thread (white), white chalk, aspirins, saltine crackers, band aid, toothpaste & brush, dental floss, breath mints.