Wedding Planning Checklist

Twelve months, one page: the big bookings first, the details last.

Wedding date _____ **Venue** _____

12+ months before

- [ ] Set a budget
- [ ] Draft the guest list
- [ ] Pick a date (and a backup)
- [ ] Book the venue
- [ ] Hire a planner or coordinator
- [ ] Choose your wedding party

9–11 months

- [ ] Book photographer & videographer
- [ ] Book the caterer
- [ ] Book a band or DJ
- [ ] Start dress shopping
- [ ] Send save-the-dates
- [ ] Create a website & registry

6–8 months

- [ ] Book the florist
- [ ] Book the officiant
- [ ] Order bridesmaid dresses & suits
- [ ] Reserve hotel room blocks
- [ ] Plan the honeymoon
- [ ] Book hair & makeup

4–5 months

- [ ] Order invitations
- [ ] Order the cake
- [ ] Buy wedding rings
- [ ] Book transportation
- [ ] Plan the rehearsal dinner

2–3 months

- [ ] Mail the invitations
- [ ] Schedule dress fittings
- [ ] Write your vows
- [ ] Choose readings & music
- [ ] Do a hair & makeup trial
- [ ] Apply for the marriage license

1 month

- [ ] Follow up on missing RSVPs
- [ ] Give the caterer a final headcount
- [ ] Make the seating chart
- [ ] Confirm every vendor & the timeline
- [ ] Break in your shoes
- [ ] Prepare final payments & tips

The week of

- [ ] Pack an emergency kit
- [ ] Drop décor & place cards at the venue
- [ ] Rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- [ ] Pack for the honeymoon
- [ ] Eat, hydrate & sleep

Notes & vendor contacts

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