

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.*

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.