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| **Up to 12 months before** | | | | |
|  | Set a date |  | | Find a wedding planner |
|  | Get inspiration and ideas (see Pinterest and inspiration board) |  | | Find a photographer |
|  | Decide on a wedding style |  | | Find a caterer |
|  | Set priorities |  | | Find a florist |
|  | Set budget |  | | Find a musician |
|  | Choose wedding party |  | | Find a wedding dress |
|  | Find a venue for ceremony and reception |  | | Order save the dates |
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| **10 – 11 months before** | | | | |
|  | Start looking for dresses and accessories for bride and bridal party |  | | Book a wedding planner |
|  | Reserve a venue for ceremony and reception |  | | Book a caterer |
|  | Book a photographer |  | | Decide on décor |
|  | Book a DJ/band |  | | Start making a guest list |
|  | Book a florist |  | |  |
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| **9 - 10 months before** | | | | |
|  | Plan a honeymoon | |  | Start looking for favors |
|  | Start looking for invitations and stationery (wedding invitations, menu cards, thank you notes) | |  | Choose dresses and accessories for bride and bridal party |
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| **7 – 8 months before** | | | | |
|  | Find two hotels for guests coming from out of town | |  | Reserve tables, chairs, linens, and anything else the caterer is not taking care of |
|  | Create gift registries | |  | Reserve décor |
|  | Start deciding on hairstyle and makeup style | |  | Choose cake |
|  | Book an officiant | |  | Decide on menu |
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| **6 – 7 months before** | | | | | |
|  | Meet with officiant |  | | Book a florist | |
|  | Book cake |  | | Book a musician | |
|  | Schedule tastings |  | | Finalize a guest list | |
|  | Decide on outfits for groomsmen |  | |  | |
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| **4 – 5 months before** | | | | | |
|  | Choose flowers for reception, party, attendants, etc. | |  | | Finalize a rehearsal dinner guest list |
|  | Order wedding cake | |  | | Purchase or rent toasting flutes and serving pieces |
|  | Schedule dress fittings | |  | | Purchase or make a guest book |
|  | Book honeymoon flights and hotels | |  | | Order a flower basket |
|  | Book room for wedding night | |  | | Buy a ring bearer pillow |
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| **3 – 4 months before** | | | | | |
|  | Prepare playlists for DJ/band | |  | | Order menu cards |
|  | Book rehearsal dinner venue | |  | | Order wedding favors |
|  | Finalize reception menu | |  | | Order rehearsal dinner invitations |
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| **3 months before** | | | | | |
|  | Finalize honeymoon plans | |  | | Create RSVP list |
|  | Ensure passport is valid if honeymoon is abroad | |  | | Book spa and beauty treatments for you and your bridal party for week before |
|  | Plan ceremony | |  | | Plan reception seating |
|  | Experiments with hair to decide on hairstyle | |  | | Book mani/pedi/massage for day before |
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| **2 months before** | | | | | |
|  | Send wedding invitations | |  | | Get "Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue" |
|  | Update RSVP list | |  | | Order transportation for wedding day |
|  | Begin writing wedding vows | |  | | Pick up wedding rings |
|  | Meet with officiant to plan the ceremony | |  | | Buy shoes and undergarments |
|  | Apply for marriage license | |  | | Finalize playlists with DJ/band |
|  | Finalize fittings for wedding dress and wedding party | |  | | Create a wedding day schedule and send to wedding party, vendors and officiant |
|  | Finalize seating | |  | |  |
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| **1 month before** | | | | | |
|  | Give a copy of your honeymoon itinerary to someone at home | |  | | Call vendors to confirm date, time and location |
|  | Confirm honeymoon reservations | |  | | Update registries |
|  | Pick up marriage license | |  | | Delegate someone to return all rentals |
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| **2 weeks before** | | | | | |
|  | Pack for honeymoon | |  | | Prepare payments for vendors |
|  | Final dress fitting | |  | | Prepare cash tips for service providers |
|  | Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd | |  | | Meet with photographer to discuss requests |
|  | Give caterer the final count | |  | | Break in wedding shoes |
|  | Prepare wedding day emergency kit | |  | | Send playlists to DJ/band |
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| **1 week before** | | | | | |
|  | Get haircut and color | |  | | Get spa and beauty treatments for you and your bridal party |
|  | Prepare all wedding clothes | |
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| **The day before** | | | | | |
|  | Get a mani / pedi / massage | |  | | Eat a good breakfast |
|  | Attend wedding rehearsal | |  | | Give wedding rings to the best man |
|  | Wedding day | |  | |  |
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| **After the wedding** | | | | | |
|  | Return all rentals | |  | | Send out thank you cards |
|  | Get wedding dress cleaned | |  | | Get photos and video |