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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 |
| [ ]  | Consider purchasing wedding insurance | [ ]  | If desired, set up a wedding website |
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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 | [ ]  | Research legal requirements for marriage in your state or country |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Consider engagement photos or a pre-wedding photoshoot |  |  |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Begin thinking about wedding vows or readings for the ceremony (see free wedding vow generator on 101planners.com) |  |  |
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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 | [ ]  | Research and book transportation for guests if many are coming from out of town |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Discuss and plan pre-wedding parties or events (like bachelor/bachelorette parties, bridal showers) | [ ]  | Finalize any rental orders or adjustments |
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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  | [ ]  | Consider preparing a welcome bag for out-of-town guests |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Consider a teeth-whitening procedure if desired | [ ]  | Provide any specific song requests for special moments (e.g., father-daughter dance, bouquet toss) |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Confirm day-of timeline with all vendors | [ ]  | Make any final adjustments with vendors |
| [ ]  | Prepare an overnight bag for the wedding night, if not returning home | [ ]  | Ensure someone is designated to gather and keep safe gifts/cards from guests |
| [ ]  | Ensure someone is designated for vendor questions on the day, so you're not constantly approached with questions |  |  |
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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 |
| [ ]  | Consider preserving the bouquet | [ ]  | Review vendors online or provide testimonials if you were happy with their services |
| [ ]  | If changing your name, start the legal name change process |  |  |