

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	
10 – 11 month	s b	efore	
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	
9 - 10 months	s be		
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 prewedding photoshoot			
7 – 8 months	be		
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)	

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	be	fore	
	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	
	3 – 4 months	be		
	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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Ш	Finalize honeymoon plans	Ш	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	
	2 months b	ero	Get "Something Old, New,	
	Send wedding invitations		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
1 month b	efo	
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)
2 weeks b	efo	'e
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
1 week be	efor	e
Get haircut and color		Get spa and beauty treatments for
Prepare all wedding clothes		you and your bridal party
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		
The day b	efo	
Get a mani / pedi / massage		Eat a good breakfast
Attend wedding rehearsal		Give wedding rings to the best man
Wedding day		

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			