

12 Month Wedding Planning Timeline

A wedding planning timeline holds you accountable for completing all of the tasks on your to-do list at the right time. Use our monthly timeline below as a helpful guide to ticking those tasks off your checklist and pulling together the wedding of your dreams. We'll be starting our timeline from the 12-month mark, but if you don't have the luxury of time on your side then simply write the tasks down in order of priority and adjust the timeline to suit!

12 MONTHS OUT

- Create your wedding budget
- Define your wedding vision
- Choose your wedding date
- Draft up your guest list
- Book your wedding venue
- Book your wedding planner
- Book photographer and videographer
- Start researching other vendors and collecting quotes

10 MONTHS

- Book your florist, entertainer, celebrant and hair and makeup artists
- Book your caterer and choose your wedding menu
- Book important rentals
- Designate your bridal party

8 MONTHS OUT

- Send save the dates for a destination wedding
- Start dress hunting
- Finalise your guest list
- Book stationery designer

6 MONTHS OUT

- Create your wedding website
- Plan your honeymoon
- Book your cake artist

4 MONTHS OUT

- Choose wedding rings
- Book small decor pieces
- Book lighting supplier

3 MONTHS OUT

- Send invitations
- Book hair and makeup trials
- Book transport

2 MONTHS OUT

- Attend your final dress fitting
- Confirm music selections for ceremony and reception
- Confirm final menu options with your caterer
- Contact all suppliers regarding timings for the day

1 MONTH OUT

- Confirm final RSVPs
- Create your floor plan and seating chart
- Meet with day-of-coordinator
- Draft up run sheet for the day

2 WEEKS PRIOR

- Send shot list to photographer and videographer
- Send out final run sheet

1 WEEK PRIOR

- Deliver any styling materials and stationery to the venue
- Collect wedding dress, suits, accessories
- Call all wedding suppliers and confirm arrangements
- Decide on wedding party positions and rehearse ceremony

DAY BEFORE

- Attend rehearsal dinner and give out gifts to wedding party.
- Give marriage license to your officiant

WEDDING DAY

- Introduce the site manager to your bridal party for any questions or problems during the reception
- Give wedding bands to best man and maid of honor to hold during the ceremony.

POSTWEDDING

- Return any rentals
- Get your wedding gown and tux cleaned
- Write and send thank-you notes to guests