12-Month Wedding Planning Timeline

Check off each task as you go, from engagement to wedding day

Couple: _____ Wedding date: _____

12 Months Out — 7 tasks

- [ ] Set Your Wedding Date
- [ ] Compile a Guest List
- [ ] Determine Your Wedding Budget
- [ ] Select a Wedding Venue
- [ ] Choose a Wedding Planner
- [ ] Assemble Your Bridal Party
- [ ] Choose a Caterer

10 Months Out — 8 tasks

- [ ] Choose Colors, Theme, and Design
- [ ] Find Your Wedding Gown
- [ ] Pick Bridesmaids' Outfits
- [ ] Hire a Photographer
- [ ] Hire a Florist
- [ ] Book Band or DJ
- [ ] Choose Unique Lighting
- [ ] Get a Wedding Website

8 Months Out — 5 tasks

- [ ] Seek an Officiant
- [ ] Create Your Wedding Gift Registry
- [ ] Organize a Wedding Room Block
- [ ] Capture Engagement Photos
- [ ] Select and Order Your Wedding Cake

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6 Months Out — 6 tasks

- [ ] Send Save-the-Date Cards
- [ ] Buy Wedding Bands
- [ ] Plan Groom's and Groomsmen's Attire
- [ ] Book Your Honeymoon
- [ ] Book Rehearsal Dinner
- [ ] Hire a Day-Of Coordinator

5 Months Out — 5 tasks

- [ ] Organize Transportation
- [ ] Begin Reviewing Wedding Invitations
- [ ] Look Into Premarital Counseling Options
- [ ] Lock In Rentals
- [ ] Pick Ceremony Music

4 Months Out — 4 tasks

- [ ] Buy Wedding Invitations and Hire a Calligrapher
- [ ] Do Hair and Makeup Trials
- [ ] Decide on Wedding Favors for Guests
- [ ] Buy Bridal Party Gifts

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The final countdown

Couple: _____ Wedding date: _____

3 Months Out — 6 tasks

- [ ] Write Vows
- [ ] Decide on Ceremony Readings and Songs
- [ ] Book a Photo Booth
- [ ] Finalize Playlist for Reception
- [ ] Meet with Vendors and Venue Contact
- [ ] Take Dance Lessons

2 Months Out — 6 tasks

- [ ] Set Up and Do a Wedding Tasting
- [ ] Mail Invitations and Track RSVPs
- [ ] Get Your Marriage License
- [ ] Finalize Event Details with Venue
- [ ] Schedule Dress Fittings
- [ ] Buy Thank-You Cards

1 Month Out — 6 tasks

- [ ] Re-Confirm Details with Vendors
- [ ] Handle Last-Minute RSVPs
- [ ] Finalize Your Day-Of Timeline
- [ ] Create a Seating Chart
- [ ] Break In Your Wedding Shoes
- [ ] Provide Shot List to Photographer

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2 Weeks Out — 4 tasks

- [ ] Complete and Practice Vows
- [ ] Finalize Table Assignments
- [ ] Proofread and Print Programs and Menus
- [ ] Collect All Essential Items for the Venue

1 Week Out — 4 tasks

- [ ] Schedule a Final Walk-Through
- [ ] Submit Final Guest Count to Venue
- [ ] Pack for the Honeymoon
- [ ] Finalize Processional Order

2 Days Out — 3 tasks

- [ ] Drop Off Ceremony and Reception Items at Venue
- [ ] Prepare Vendor Payments
- [ ] Groom: Make Sure You Know How to Tie a Bow Tie

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