

TIME TABLE

Organized planning will ensure you enjoy every minute of your wedding day. Begin planning efforts for a large formal wedding at least twelve months beforehand.

Twelve Months or More Ahead

- Select a wedding date. (Select backup dates in case site or church is already booked)
 - Consult fiancé and parents on budget and financial support.
 - Set budget and number of guests to be invited.
 - Decide type of wedding: informal or formal.
 - Choose and secure the ceremony location.
 - Choose and book officiant.
 - Choose and secure the reception location.
 - Buy wedding rings.
 - Book wedding consultant, if applicable.
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Eight to Twelve Months Ahead

- Order gown and accessories: veil, lingerie, gloves and shoes.
 - Compile guest list from both the bride and groom's families.
 - Choose and notify attendants.
 - Select and order attendants' gowns.
 - Select caterer.
 - Select photographer.
 - Select floral designer.
 - Select and order wedding cake and cake top.
 - Select balloon decorator.
 - Select videographer.
 - Select and register bridal registry items.
 - Select music for ceremony.
 - Select music/entertainment for reception.
 - Plan details of reception.
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Six to Eight Months Ahead

- Plan details with floral designer.
 - Order invitations, announcements, personal stationery, thank-you-notes and save-the-date cards.
 - Have map to reception designed and printed (include with invitation).
 - Reserve limousine transportation for the bridal party.
 - Reserve or arrange transportation to and from the ceremony and reception for out-of-town guests.
 - Reserve rental equipment: tables/chairs
 - Find a new place to live.
 - Finalize honeymoon plans with fiancé.
 - Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests.
 - Book engagement portrait photographer.
 - Hire stylists for wedding hair and makeup.
 - Hire a "day of" coordinator to orchestrate the ceremony and reception, if applicable.
 - Get into a consistent exercise routine
 - Send save-the-date cards
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Four to Six Months Ahead

- Book calligrapher.
 - Select men's formalwear.
 - Book room for wedding night.
 - Choose and order favors.
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Two to Four Months Ahead

- Announce engagement in local newspapers.
- Address wedding invitations.
- Choose groom's and attendants' gifts.
- Confirm delivery dates of all dresses.
- Discuss details of menu with caterer.
- Discuss ceremony with officiant.
- Choose readings and confirm vows for ceremony.
- Schedule the rehearsal.
- Confirm rehearsal dinner arrangements.