**Wedding Planning Checklist**

**12+ Months**

Get inspired! Check out our Ideas and Inspiration section for wedding themes and colour schemes.

Create mood boards / Pinterest boards

Work out your budget and stick to it!

**10 – 12 Months**

Select your wedding party.

Create your wedding guest list and get addresses.

Find your dream wedding venue and reserve your date.

Send out save-the-dates!

Research officiants, rentals, florists, photographers, caterers, bands, etc.

Start a wedding binder to keep all of your quotes, brochures and notes in one place.

**8 – 10 Months**

Find the dress!

Book the officiant.

Book photographer & videographer.

Book caterers.

Book a florist.

Book entertainment e.g. band, DJ etc

Reserve a block of hotel rooms for guests.

**6 – 8 Months**

Order your invitations.

Start planning your honeymoon!

Choose the bridesmaids' dresses

Reserve any rentals you may need (chairs, tents, linens, etc.)

Book wedding cars / transportation

Go to your first dress fitting and choose some wedding shoes and accessories while you're at it!

**4 – 6 Months**

Order your wedding cake.

Schedule hair and makeup artists

Purchase / rent groom's attire

Purchase / rent groomsmen attire

Send out invitations

Book accommodation for your wedding night

Purchase the rings

Order any reception decorations

Order wedding favours

**3 Months**

Work with caterer to finalize the menu for the reception

Meet with florist to finalize the florals

Meet with officiant and coordinate readings from friends and family as well as anything else to include in the ceremony

Choose your processional music and reception playlist

Finalize the event schedule and start creating the day-of-timeline

Attend dress fitting

**2 Months**

Meet with your photographer to discuss day-of plans and specific shots you are wanting

Review the playlist with the band and DJ, and provide them with “don’t play” and “must play” lists

Confirm RSVPs and create your seating chart

Order wedding stationary

Get your marriage license

**1 Month**

Send out as many final payments as you can

Confirm times for all of the vendors and send out your day-of timeline

Attend your last dress fitting

Purchase wedding party gifts

Purchase guest book

Find your something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue

Write vows and wedding speech

**1 – 2 Weeks**

Make sure members of the wedding party know their roles and duties come the wedding day

Touch base with suppliers and ensure they have the timeline

Outsource any small day-of tasks you can to family and friends

Send the final guest list to the caterer

**After the Wedding & Honeymoon**

Pay all remaining balances to vendors

Return rentals

Clean and preserve your wedding gown

Write "thank you" cards

Officially change your name (if that's what you want to do!)