



## When You Get Engaged

- Settle on your budget
- Begin compiling names and addresses of guests to invite
- Select two or three potential dates
- Research potential locations for your wedding venue
- Create a wedding website

## 12 Months Before

- Hire your photographer. Many are booked up to a year in advance, so if you want your choice, be sure to lock them in early
- Start shopping for your wedding dress
- Choose your bridal party and attendants
- Finalize your date after consulting photographers and venues
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests

## 11 Months Before

- Plan ceremony and reception decor
- Consult with florist about bouquets and floral decor
- Book your caterer

## 10 Months Before

- Finalize your guest list
- Initiate gift registries
- Choose an officiant, or have a family member or friend get ordained to perform the ceremony
- Choose ceremony and reception music. Give your playlist a test run to see which songs are appropriate for particular aspects of the festivities

## 9 Months Before

- Order your gown and arrange for alterations

## 8 Months Before

- Order hair accessories
- Order jewelry
- Plan and make reservations for the honeymoon (if you're planning an international excursion)

## 6 Months Before

- Edit, proof and print wedding invitations, don't leave out the stamps and envelopes
- Test your makeup and hairstyles

## 5 Months Before

- Arrange for rental equipment (tables, chairs, linens, etc) you may need
- Arrange for additional sound equipment you might need for ceremony and reception

## 4 Months Before

- Choose groom's attire and make alterations
- Purchase any other bridal accessories, including shoes, lingerie and garter
- Plan and book honeymoon (local excursions)
- Send out *Save the Date* cards

## 3 Months Before

- Make hotel reservations for your wedding night

## 2 Months Before

- Address, stamp and mail invitations
- Finalize menu with caterer. If alcohol isn't included in catering, ask to bring in your own

## 6 Weeks Before

- Purchase wedding bands
- Confirm number of bouquets, centerpieces and boutonnieres with florist

## 4 Weeks Before

- Finish any DIY projects

## 2 Weeks Before

- Get local marriage license
- Create wedding day schedule and distribute to all involved parties
- Final head count to caterer
- Finalize seating chart
- Confirm all vendor delivery and/or arrival times

Happy  
Wedding  
Day!