

How To WEDDING

Planning TIMELINE

12–18 Months Before

- Set wedding budget
- Draft guest list
- Book venue (ceremony + reception)
- Hire wedding planner/coordinator (optional)
- Book photographer & videographer
- Reserve caterer (if not included with venue)
- Choose wedding party

6–9 Months Before

- Plan honeymoon and book travel
- Book hair & makeup artists (schedule trial)
- Reserve transportation (limos, shuttles, etc.)
- Order bridesmaid dresses & groomsmen attire
- Set up gift registry

2–4 Months Before

- Finalize dress and suit/tux fittings
 - Book specialty entertainment (photo booth, live painter, etc.)
 - Order wedding favors & gift bags
 - Confirm day-of transportation
 - Create playlist for DJ/band
 - Schedule hair & makeup trial
- Mail wedding invitations

9–12 Months Before

- Shop for wedding dress and order
- Book florist
- Book DJ or band
- Hire officiant
- Reserve rentals (tables, chairs, décor)
- Book cake/dessert baker
- Send save-the-dates

4–6 Months Before

- Order invitations & stationery
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Reserve hotel room blocks for guests
- Schedule menu tasting with caterer
- Buy wedding rings
- Plan ceremony details and start thinking about day-of timeline (readings, music, vows)

1–2 Months Before

- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize ceremony details with officiant
- Confirm timelines with all vendors
- Have bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Create seating chart

2–4 Weeks Before

- Final dress fitting
- Confirm headcount with caterer
- Write vows (if personalizing)
- Break in wedding shoes

1 Week Before

- Prepare final payments/tips for vendors
- Practice hair & makeup look
- Confirm transportation schedule
- Give wedding party timeline & duties
- Pack emergency kit (safety pins, band-aids, etc.)

Day Before

- Attend rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- Get plenty of rest
- Lay out attire & accessories
- Prepare marriage license & rings

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