



# Wedding Checklist



## 12 Months or More Before:

- Announce your engagement
- Set the date for your wedding
- Consult fiancé and all parents about
  - style of wedding
  - budget
  - traditions
- Select attendants
- Book a wedding consultant
- Pick a color scheme for your wedding
- Visit reception sites and caterers

## Select and Book:

- Wedding site
- Reception site
- Photographer
- Florist
- Register with your favorite store's bridal registry
- Begin shopping for wedding dress, headpiece and accessories
- Clergy
- Caterer
- Videographer
- Musicians

## 6 to 10 Months Before:

- Establish a guest list
- Select and order attendants' gowns
- Get fabric samples to match shoes
- Select and order men's attire (The general rule is one usher to every 30 guests)
- Select a bakery for your wedding cake, taste samples
- If you plan a home wedding, book outdoor furniture or tent as needed
- Order wedding invitations and stationery
- Plan honeymoon and make reservations
- Help mothers of the bride and groom select their dresses
- Schedule a photo for your engagement announcement
- Develop a record-keeping system for gifts and thank-you notes
- Start dance lessons so you can look like you were on *Dancing with the Stars* at your reception.

## 3 to 6 Months Before:

- Call Sacramento County Courthouse for regulations on obtaining your marriage license (916) 874-6131
- Order your wedding cake
- Book limos and transportation for wedding party
- Book calligrapher
- Make your floral and gown preservation arrangements
- Make accommodation arrangements for out-of-town guests
- Schedule a consultation with hair and make-up stylist
- Discuss rehearsal dinner with your fiancé (Groom's family to make arrangements for the rehearsal dinner)
- Decide on and order wedding rings
- Plan your honeymoon
- Obtain a passport for your honeymoon
- Decide on and shop for your trousseau

## 2 to 3 Months Before:

- Address and mail wedding invitations and announcements
- Choose attendants' gifts
- Plan bridesmaids' party
- Ask relatives to assist at the wedding and reception
- Arrange final music selections
- Confirm reception menu and decorations with your caterer
- Buy wedding shoes and start breaking them in
- Schedule appointment with your hair and make-up stylist for your wedding day
- Choose wedding favors

## 1 to 2 Months Before:

- Have final gown and headpiece fitting
- Buy groom's wedding gift
- Meet with clergy regarding ceremony details
- Arrange final fitting of bridesmaids' dresses
- Check with photographer, musicians, florist, caterer, bakery, preservationist, and reception facility to make sure all details are in place
- Pick up rings, check the engraving
- Review ceremony seating with fiancé and ushers
- Write out place cards for reception
- Check honeymoon reservations
- Make an appointment for a formal wedding portrait to send to *Sacramento Bride & Groom*
- Purchase guest book
- Obtain marriage license

## 7 Days Before:

- Notify caterer of the final number of guests
- Arrange head table seating
- Pick up wedding gown
- Pick up attendants' dresses
- Make a final check with clergy, florist, caterer, bakery and reception facility
- Reconfirm your honeymoon arrangements
- Have your last facial to ensure that perfect "glow"
- Remind attendants of rehearsal dinner details; give them gifts that night
- Pack for your honeymoon

## One Day Before:

- Have a manicure
- Attend wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Greet out-of-town guests
- Pack everything you will need at the church or wedding site, including emergency items

## Your Wedding Day:

- Appointment with your hair and makeup stylist
- Allow three hours to dress and to relax
- Give groom's ring to Best Man
- Make sure that the designated family member has the envelopes with the fees for church organist, soloist, helpers, band and DJ
- Enjoy your special day! 😊

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