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WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

Bride's Reminder Calendar

A year to six months before the wedding:

- Meet with family to communicate plans (kind of wedding and reception you want time of day, mood, setting & formality)
- Make an appointment with the minister and talk over the date and time for the ceremony
- Check on dates for premarital counseling
- Make an appointment with wedding coordinator
- Think through your priorities and formality, reception site and number of guests
- Workout your budget
- Decide on color scheme
- Choose/order wedding gown, veil, and accessories
- Confirm wedding and rehearsal dates on the church calendar
- Reserve the reception site and/or caterer
- Select caterer
- Plan reception
- Reserve organist and other musicians
- Select a photographer and make arrangements with him for the wedding day
- Select videographer
- Select items for the gift registry
- Write your fiancé's parents about the plans
- Contact local newspapers about your engagement and wedding notices (have an engagement picture done for the paper.)
- Look for housing with fiancé
- Visit garage sales for good used items
- Start guest list
- Choose your music
- Register with a real estate broker if planning to rent or purchase a place to live after wedding
- Plan your honeymoon destination
- Book DJ for reception
- Reserve a florist

Six months to four months before the wedding:

- Pay ceremony fees and make final arrangements
- Decide on your attendants
- Choose their dresses and get them set up for fittings
- Make a list of people to assist you and contact them
- Go with your mother to look at dresses for her
- Work on the guest list, set deadline of three months before the wedding for the list to be finished
- Start premarital counseling
- Plan the wording for the wedding invitations
- Order wedding invitations and printed paper goods
- Have an engagement party
- Arrange transportation (Book it now)
- Order your wedding Cake & topper

Three months before the wedding:

- Start addressing invitations
- Order the men's attire with your fiancé
- Check with your mother on her dress selection and accessories
- Let groom's mother know the style and color of bride's mother's dress
- Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state



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- Purchase thank you gifts
- Prepare guest list for shower
- Plan the wedding music with the organist and other musicians
- Plan reception music
- Plan the bridesmaids' party/luncheon
- Look into any business details. Check with an attorney on legal matters.
- Order flowers
- Arrange fittings for you and your attendants
- Reconfirm date with caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, & videographer
- Plan rehearsal dinner with your groom
- Finalize honeymoon destination
- Reserve rental equipment if using any

Two months before the wedding:

- Plan the rehearsal with the wedding coordinator
- Plan the ceremony with the minister and your fiancé
- Go over the reception plans thoroughly with your wedding coordinator
- Assist in planning the rehearsal dinner try to get a final head count
- Order the wedding cake
- Have stationery engraved
- Purchase wedding rings
- Plan accommodations/transportation for out of town attendants
- Send change of address cards to business and friends
- Begin the countdown with your groom, reading Psalms. Start with the sixtieth and read one each day in descending order to Psalm 1 for your wedding day.
- Finish addressing and stamping invitations. Mail six weeks prior to wedding date.
- Finalize honeymoon plans if you haven't already
- Make arrangements for any special decorations
- Review ceremony & vows
- Schedule hair appointment

One month to two weeks before the wedding:

- Have your teeth cleaned
- Have your hair cut
- Purchase any grooming accessories you may need
- Mail the invitations
- Keep up the master list of acceptances
- Enter gift descriptions in gift record
- Write thank you notes
- Prepare programs
- Prepare seating chair/place cards (if using)
- Write up the form for the newspaper wedding announcement for use after the wedding
- Address announcements
- Make a time agenda for the wedding day
- Have car checkup
- Shop for accessories (pillow, candles, garter, etc)
- Buy and wrap attendants' gifts and if desired, a gift for the bride and groom
- Plan table and gift display at home
- Go with groom to buy the marriage license
- Pay for the wedding cake
- Have the bridal portrait taken
- Get blood test and make medical appointments
- Purchase lingerie, if desired



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- Make arrangements for bridesmaids luncheon or party
- Determine luggage you will need for honeymoon
- Plan your honeymoon wardrobe and toiletries
- Have alterations done on your gown

Two weeks before the wedding:

- Take care of legal matters such as name changes
- Check on accommodations for out of town guest
- Prepare wedding announcement for newspaper
- Move possessions to new home

Week before the wedding:

- Get in touch with all the female participants and helpers in the wedding
- Rehearse reception formalities
- Keep up the gift record and write thank you notes
- Have the final fitting and pick up wedding attire
- Give the caterer a definite number of reception guests
- Send out reminders for the rehearsal
- Pack for the wedding trip and prepare a going-away handbag
- Have bridesmaids' luncheon or party
- Get things together to bring to the rehearsal
- Plan a snack for the wedding day at the church
- Make any changes with professional services
- Give checklist to photographer
- Write out place cards for bridal and parent's tables
- Count your RSVP's & give preliminary guest number to your caterer
- Seating chart if necessary for reception
- Check the fit on your wedding gown and make sure it's properly pressed
- Double check attendants try on their dresses & headpieces for correct fit
- Remind wedding party
- Attend the rehearsal & rehearsal dinner

Day before the wedding:

- Meet with wedding coordinator
- Have hair and manicure appointment
- Assemble all wedding day attire
- Take necessary items to church and attend rehearsal
- Attend rehearsal dinner