



Things to do, before we say "I do"

Quick, quick, quick!

- Set a provisional date for your wedding and check with "important" guests that they have no other fixed engagements.
- Think about hiring a wedding co-ordinator.
- Decide on the type of ceremony you want i.e. religious or civil.
- Decide who is going to pay for your wedding and agree a budget.
- Write down a provisional guest list for the ceremony, day and evening receptions.
- Choose your wedding stationery and place your order.
- Provisionally book your venues.
- Arrange wedding insurance cover before paying any deposits etc.
- Decide on the type of catering you would like.
- Book your photographer/videographer.
- Decide on the type of music and entertainment for your ceremony and reception.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Book all of your wedding transportation
- Start shopping for your dress and try on as many styles as possible.

Eight Months to go...

- Send out your Save the date invitations
- Choose your bridesmaids dresses and think about their shoes and accessories.
- Choose outfits for the groom, best man, ushers, pageboys, ring bearer.
- Discuss outfits with both mothers and decide on the colour and style of corsage they want.
- Choose the style of flowers you want and book with a florist. Discuss bouquets, posies, button-holes, venue and ceremony displays, table centres and gifts for mums.
- Choose and order your wedding rings.
- Finalise your wedding cake.
- Start a routine to get your skin, hair and nails looking good.
- Book your hairstylist.
- Book your make-up artist.
- Organise and book your honeymoon, don't forget to check your passport expiry dates.



Six Months to go...

- Send out your Wedding Invitations for the day and evening.
- Order the remaining items of your wedding stationery e.g. order of service, menus, table plan, place cards and thank-you cards. Remember to obtain your minister or registrar's final approval for your order of service before going to print!
- Choose your Honeymoon outfits.
- Put together a list of telephone numbers for ALL of your wedding contacts.

Two Months to go...

- Check that the Best Man and Chief Bridesmaid have arranged stag and hen parties.
- Look into buying a guest book for people to sign on the day, or fingerprint card.
- Organise a trial run with your hairstylist including your bridesmaids.
- Organise a trial run with your make-up artist, again including your bridesmaids.
- Chase guests who have not responded to your wedding invitation.
- Start a relaxation regime as things will get quite hectic about now.

One Month to go...

- Book final hair appointments (earlier if you know that your hairdresser is very busy), and your make-up artist if you are having one. Confirm whether you will be going to the salon on the day or having stylists to your home.
- Send your final numbers to the caterer and the reception venue.
- Check that the transport details are finalised.
- Choose and buy presents for attendants, family and friends.
- Finalise your reception table plans and perhaps come up with alternative ways to name your tables.

One to Two weeks to go...

- Organise the final rehearsal at the venue for the ceremony.
- Try to wear-in your wedding shoes.
- Make sure your order of service sheets, menus, place cards and thank-you cards have been delivered.
- Enjoy your hen and stag parties.
- Write a timetable for the big day



I'm getting married in the morning la la la...

- Watch a classic chick flick with the girls, and try to get a good nights sleep
- Set several alarm clocks.

Wedding Day!

- Try to stick to your timetable.
- Eat a good breakfast, maybe have a cheeky glass of champers!
- If you are going to a salon to have your hair done then do not forget to take along your headdress, veil or flowers.
- Relax and enjoy getting ready.

After your wedding...

- Inform your bank, doctor, etc.. of your name change.
- Send out final thank you letters for your gifts.
- Live happily ever after!