

# THE ULTIMATE WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

## FIRSTLY, ENJOY YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

So often, people feel the need to start planning their big day right away and jump straight into it. It's such an exciting time, so take a moment to soak it in and enjoy it. Really think about what both of you want. Take a long weekend away—or better yet, a full week—and celebrate together!

### 12 MONTHS

- Confirm your wedding date
- Calculate your budget
- Get inspired - start to think about the style and theme of your wedding
- Find a wedding planner
- Work out whether you want a civil or church ceremony

*Are you planning to marry at home in a marquee or looking for a venue? If choosing a marquee, your wedding planner will discuss the various types of marquees and arrange a site visit with suppliers. If you prefer a venue, your planner will begin the search.*

### 11 MONTHS

- Secure caterer (once marquee/venue secured)
- Confirm your wedding party
- Confirm your guest list
- Confirm your colour palette and think about how you would like to style your marquee or venue to make it you
- Confirm your band
- Confirm your photographer and videographer
- Confirm wedding stationer - your wedding planner can make recommendations based on the style and theme of your wedding as this should be carried on from the start right the way through to your on the day stationery
- Send save the dates
- Confirm ceremony location and book relevant parties such as priest, vicar and registrar etc.

### 9 MONTHS

- Consider any potential logistical issues such as accommodation if you are marrying in a busy town during a peak season
- Buy your wedding dress
- Think about bridesmaid's dresses and groomsmen's outfits
- Confirm production and florist once you have finalised the colour scheme and style with your planner
- Research honeymoon destinations (this is fun!)
- Confirm your bathroom facilities if you are having a marquee

## 8 MONTHS

- Register for your wedding gifts
- Start to think about the type of music you want for your ceremony
- Book ceremony music
- Book make up artist
- Book hair stylist

## 6 MONTHS

- Order Bridesmaid dresses
- Order Groomsmen outfits
- Confirm all transport
- Book honeymoon
- Contact wedding cake suppliers
- Speak to your wedding planner about any upcoming payments

## 4 MONTHS

- Design invites and on the day stationery with stationery supplier
- Have your menu tasting with your caterer
- Buy your wedding bands
- Have your make up trial
- Have your hair trial

## 3 MONTHS

- Send invitations
- Have a cake tasting and order your cake
- Think about gifts for parent and bridal party
- Think about wedding favours
- Think about vows if you are writing them
- Start to write speeches - nowadays brides often say something too

## 2 MONTHS

- Confirm all on the day stationery such as order of service, place cards, table plan and menus
- Select ceremony readings
- Complete all wedding paperwork and licenses - this will need to be done beforehand if marrying abroad
- Finalise all playlists

## 1 MONTH

- Make final payments to suppliers
- Let band know your first dance song and any music preferences
- Start to make/do wedding favours in spare time - it will be much less stressful this way
- Complete your table plan and send to stationery supplier
- Have exciting meeting with wedding planner to review final details

## FINAL WEEK

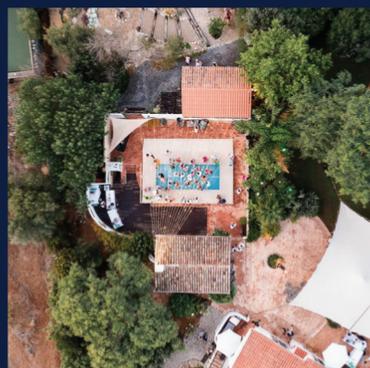
- Try to find some time to relax!
- Pack for honeymoon. Get friends over and have some fun!
- Your wedding planner will receive all your on the day stationery
- Think about what you might want in your clutch bag on the evening of your wedding
- Have your final meeting with your wedding planner

## THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Pack your bag
- Have a massage (make sure your therapist doesn't use any oil you might be allergic too)
- Speak to your partner
- Enjoy your evening and try to get an early night!

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