

Wedding Day Countdown

12 to 8 Months Ahead	4 to 2 Months Ahead	2 Weeks Ahead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Decide on the theme of the wedding (formal, informal, etc.), location, date and budget ⇒ Do you need a wedding planner? Get one now. ⇒ Choose reception and rehearsal dinner locations and secure desired dates ⇒ Bride and groom choose attendants ⇒ Create guest list ⇒ Shop for wedding gown, veil, accessories and bridesmaids' gowns ⇒ Shop for formalwear for the groom and groomsmen ⇒ Select musicians, florist, photographer and videographer ⇒ Announce engagement in the newspaper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Plan rehearsal dinner time & place ⇒ Address invitations and mail at least six weeks in advance ⇒ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests; arrange with hotel to notify guests of accommodations and rates, etc. ⇒ Buy wedding rings ⇒ Choose gifts for attendants ⇒ Bride and Groom buy wedding gift for each other ⇒ Order wedding accessories (ring pillow, toasting flutes, candles, bubbles, guest book, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Make a seating plan for ceremony and reception. Make seating cards. ⇒ If bride is changing her name, do so on driver's license, credit cards, bank accounts, Social Security and at work. ⇒ Confirm all details with caterer, florist, photographer, videographer, musician, baker and other ⇒ Apply for marriage license
<h3 style="text-align: center;">8 to 4 Months Ahead</h3>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">2 to 1 Months Ahead</h3>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">1 Week Ahead</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Order invitations and thank you cards ⇒ Order wedding cake and catering ⇒ Mothers should select their gowns ⇒ Plan honeymoon ⇒ Shop for trousseau ⇒ Arrange for time off work for honeymoon ⇒ Make transportation arrangements for wedding (limo, carriage, etc.) ⇒ Register with gift bridal registry in your favorite stores. If you're having an engagement party, you may want to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Have final fitting for wedding dress & gowns ⇒ Groom and groomsmen get measured for formalwear ⇒ Make appointments for hair and make-up on wedding day ⇒ Write thank you notes for gifts as they arrive ⇒ Plan wedding shower ⇒ Plan bachelor / bachelorette parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Confirm wedding and rehearsal times with bridesmaids, groomsmen and clergy ⇒ Have bachelor & bachelorette parties ⇒ Pack trousseau for honeymoon ⇒ Prepare checks for clergy, musicians,
	<h3 style="text-align: center;">THE BIG DAY</h3>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">1 Day Before</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Get a manicure or massage to relax yourself. Spa Day! ⇒ Review and rehearse all the details with your wedding party and officiant. Enjoy company of family and friends at dinner. ⇒ Stay with your family the night before and go to sleep early!

