

The Confetti blog's Great big Wedding Planning Checklist 

**Congratulations on the wedding!**

With so many things to plan and even more people to coordinate, the Confetti Blog has put together a quick reference checklist which will definitely help you keep your sanity.

We have also provided an area where you can add your supplier details so they are close at hand.

Remember to keep visiting the Confetti Blog regularly for inspirational advice on having the most amazing wedding possible.

Rock your wedding!  
The Confetti Blog team.

**Supplier list:**

Photographer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Videographer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Transport

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Florist

Wedding cake

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding dress

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Bridal party attire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding shoes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hairdresser

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make-up artist

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Beautician

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Stationery

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Favours

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Formal wear hire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding insurance

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Travel agent

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Honeymoon destination

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

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### Sixteen to Nine Months Before

- Start a wedding folder and look through bridal, lifestyle, fashion, design, and food magazines for inspiration.
- Work out your budget based on your families' contributions and your own.
- Pick your wedding party. As soon as you're engaged, people will start wondering who's in.
- Start the guest list.
- Book an officiant.
- Hire a planner - a planner will have relationships with vendors.
- Reserve your date and venues. Decide whether to have separate locations for the ceremony and the reception, factoring in travel time between the two places.
- Research photographers, bands, florists, and caterers. Keep their contact information in your folder.
- Throw an engagement party, but remember that your invitees should be on your wedding guest list as well.

### Eight Months Before

- Hire the photographer and the videographer.
- Book the entertainment.
- Meet caterers. If your wedding venue doesn't offer its own service, look for one now and hire them this month.
- Purchase a dress. Remember to schedule time for at least three fittings.
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests. Pick 3 hotels at different budgets close to the venue.
- Launch a wedding website with the date, travel and accommodation details. Then send the link to guests.

### Seven to Six Months Before

- Select and purchase invitations. Addressing cards is time-consuming, so you need to budget accordingly.
- Start planning a honeymoon. Make sure that your passports are up-to-date, and schedule doctors' appointments for any shots.
- Shop for bridesmaids' dresses. Allow at least six months for the dresses to be ordered and sized.
- Meet with the officiant. Discuss the ceremony and confirm you have all the documents for the wedding.
- Send save-the-date cards.
- Book a florist.
- Arrange transportation such as limos, minibuses etc.
- Start composing a day-of timeline. Draw up a schedule of the event and slot in each component (the cake-cutting, the first dance).

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### Five to Four Months Before

- Book the rehearsal and rehearsal-dinner venues. Negotiate the cost and the menu.
- Check on the wedding invitations and get samples of the finished invitations to check.
- Select and order the cake. Have several tastings before committing to a baker.
- Send your guest list to the host of your shower. That is if you know about the shower.
- Purchase wedding shoes and start dress fittings. Bring the shoes along to your first fitting so the tailor can choose the appropriate length for your gown.
- Schedule hair and makeup artists. Make a few appointments with local experts to try them out. Snap a photo at each so you can compare results.
- Choose your music. What should be playing when the wedding party is announced? During dinner? To kick off the dancing? Keep a running list of what you want—and do not want—played.

### Three Months Before

- Finalize the menu and flowers.
- Order wedding favours. Safe bets: monogrammed cookies or a treat that represents your city or region.
- Make a list of the people giving toasts.
- Finalize the readings at the ceremony.
- Purchase your undergarments. And schedule your second fitting.
- Finalize the order of the ceremony and the reception.
- Print menu cards, if you like, as well as programs.
- Purchase the rings. This will give you time for re-sizing and engraving.
- Send your event schedule to the vendors. Giving them a first draft now allows ample time for tweaks and feedback.

### Two Months Before

- Touch base again with all the vendors. Make sure any questions you or they had have been answered.
- Meet with the photographer. Discuss specific shots
- Review the playlist with the band or deejay.
- Send out the invitations. The rule of thumb: Mail invitations six to eight weeks before the ceremony, setting the RSVP cutoff at three weeks after the postmark date.
- Enjoy a bachelorette party.

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### One Month Before

- Enter RSVPs into your guest-list database. Phone people who have not yet responded.
- Get your marriage license.
- Mail the rehearsal-dinner invitations.
- Visit the dressmaker for (with luck!) your last dress fitting. For peace of mind, you may want to schedule a fitting the week of your wedding. You can always cancel if you try on the dress then and it fits perfectly.
- Send out as many final payments as you can.
- Confirm times for hair and makeup and all vendors.
- E-mail and print directions for drivers of transport vehicles. This gives the drivers ample time to navigate a route.
- Assign seating. Draw out table shapes on a layout of the room to help plan place settings. Write the names of female guests on pink sticky notes and the names of male guests on blue sticky notes so you can move people about without resketching the entire setting.
- Purchase bridesmaids' gifts. You'll present them at the rehearsal dinner.
- Write vows, if necessary.
- Get your hair cut and colored, if desired.

### Week of the Wedding

- Reconfirm arrival times with vendors.
- Delegate small wedding-day tasks. Choose someone to bustle your dress, someone to carry your things, someone to be in charge of gifts (especially the enveloped sort).
- Send a timeline to the bridal party. Include every member's contact information, along with the point people you've asked to deal with the vendors, if problems arise.
- Pick up your dress. Or make arrangements for a delivery.
- Check in one last time with the photographer.
- Set aside checks for the vendors. And put tips in envelopes to be handed out at the event.
- Book a spa treatment. Make an appointment for a manicure and a pedicure the day before the wedding. (You might want to get a stress-relieving massage, too.)
- Send the final guest list to the caterer and all venues hosting your wedding-related events. Typically, companies close their lists 72 hours in advance.
- Break in your shoes.
- Assemble and distribute the welcome baskets.
- Pack for your honeymoon.

