



wedding planner

A beautiful formal wedding takes a minimum of six months to arrange. Here is a timetable to use when planning your wedding.

SIX MONTHS BEFORE:

- Buy a wedding planner and memory album.
- Discuss wedding budget with your parents; if you'll share expenses, include fiancé and his parents.
- Together decide on the wedding style -- everything from flowers to food.
- Decide on wedding and reception sites.
- Determine the number of guests you can accommodate at both sites.
- Plan color scheme for wedding and reception.
- See clergy member or judge with fiancé.
- Plan reception, make reservations.
- Choose and order your dress, accessories.
- Select and register china, silver, etc.
- Begin guest list, have fiancé do his.
- Choose attendants.
- Plan new home, begin shopping for it.
- Send money for honeymoon brochure; consult a travel agent for ideas.

THREE MONTHS BEFORE:

- Complete your guest list.
- Order invitations and announcements (allow four weeks for printing). Start addressing them upon receipt.
- Shop for trousseau.
- Set date to order attendants' dresses; confirm delivery date for your dress.
- Select a portrait photographer.
- Make your honeymoon reservations.
- Plan ceremony, reception details with organist, caterer, etc.
- Consult with florist and order flowers that match wedding color scheme, season too.

ONE MONTH BEFORE:

- Buy groom's wedding gift.
- Mail your invitations.
- Have final dress and headpiece fitting.
- Have portrait taken.
- Choose gifts for your attendants.
- Order groom's ring.
- Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.
- Plan your bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Make plans for the rehearsal dinner.
- Write thank-you notes for gifts.
- Arrange for announcement in newspaper.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE:

- Go with your fiancé for marriage license.
- Arrange to transport attendants to church.
- Send announcements to newspapers.
- Make an appointment with hairdresser.
- Buy luggage; check honeymoon reservations.

ONE WEEK BEFORE:

- Begin your honeymoon packing.
- Finish writing your announcements to mail on your wedding day.
- Give a final estimate of the number of reception guests to the caterer.
- Give and/or attend bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Arrange rehearsal, tell the wedding party.
- Check on final details with florist, photographer, musicians, etc.
- Arrange to move belongings to new home.
- Keep up with gift acknowledgements.