

# wedding timetable

Careful planning will enable you to truly enjoy every moment of your Wedding Day. Arrangements for a large formal wedding should ideally begin at least 8 – 12 months in advance; however, many beautiful weddings are put together in considerably less time. The important thing is to follow a timetable; read the articles in this guide; and let your contracted suppliers help you. Share the planning duties with your fiancé, your families, and your attendants – much of the fun is doing it together.

## Six to Twelve Months

- Decide budget; discuss sharing of expenses.
- Decide type of wedding.
  - Formal  Semi-formal  Informal
- Choose date/time
- Choose location of ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Choose reception facility \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select caterer/wedding consultant \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Meet with clergy member; consider pre-marital counseling
- Discuss alternative dates with clergy or officiator.
- Decide size of wedding party, choose attendants.
- Select gown style. Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select veil style. Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select attendants' apparel. Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Plan details of reception.
- Select Photographer. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Have engagement photos taken. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select music for reception. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select videographer. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select florist. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Compile families' invitation list. Bride's \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's \_\_\_\_\_
- Discuss gown colors and styles with mothers of bride & groom.
- Plan an engagement party with family and friends
- Find out what bridal shows are in the area and plan on attending
- Place engagement announcement in the Omaha World-Herald

## Four to Six Months

- Select men's formal wear; Order \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Select ceremony musicians/vocalists and music.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Make honeymoon plans. Travel Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Decide on new living arrangement: buying, renting or leasing?
- Consult decorator about home décor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Register gift preferences with one or more bridal registries.  
Registries: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Order invitations, personal stationery, programs, napkins, etc.  
Stationer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivery Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Professionally prepare and print map to include with invitations
- Set aside hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.  
Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Have physical examinations and update immunizations
- Plan and schedule beauty preparations (nails, diet, hair, skin care and makeup)
- Buy wedding rings; order engraving  
Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Two to Four Months

- Reserve rental items; candelabra, arches, canopy, linens, etc.  
Rental Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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Two to Four Months

- Arrange rehearsal dinner  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Announce your engagement in the paper
- Shop for trousseau and apparel for honeymoon; prenuptial parties
- Reserve limousine, carriage, trolley or coach transportation.
- Address wedding invitations; consider professional calligrapher
- Review florist's arrangements, finalize order.
- Buy attendants' gifts and your fits for each other.
- Experiment with hairstyles and makeup changes.  
Stylist \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Buy bride's and attendants' shoes. Send to dyer.  
Store \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Order wedding and groom's cakes  
Baker \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

One to Two Months

- Mail invitations six weeks before wedding.
- Call all your contacted services to confirm arrangements.
- Final bridal fitting. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_
- Final attendants' fittings. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_
- Confirm honeymoon trip reservations, begin packing.
- Select reception decorations: balloons, candles, flowers, table favors.
- Select ceremony accessories: handbag, garter, engraved goblets, guest mementos.
- Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or luncheon.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Buy marriage license; have blood tests if needed.  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Two Weeks

- Schedule appointments for hair stylist, facial, manicure, massage
- Appointments:
- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Invite wedding party and guests to rehearsal dinner.
  - Move your personal and mutual belongings to new home.
  - Review reception seating and order place cards from calligrapher.
  - Confirm out-of-town guests lodging with reserved hotels.
  - Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times.
  - Record gifts as you receive them; write thank you notes.
  - Schedule caterer for gift opening party.  
Caterer \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
  - Arrange for gown cleaning and bouquet preservation after wedding.

One to Two Weeks

- Pick up wedding rings, check engravings and sizings.
- Final consultations: florist, musicians/vocalist, photographer, videographer.
- Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer.
- Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes. Check for fit.
- Make a wedding day schedule and give everyone copies at rehearsal dinner.
- Plan wedding announcement in the Omaha World-Herald.
- Relax the day before; keep personal appointments; finish honeymoon packing.
- Your planning is complete. Your day will be wonderful.