

## **12+ months before**

- Envision the day you want and do up a budget.
- Decide on who is paying for what.
- Pick a wedding date and time.
- Do out a rough guest list.
- Look for and book ceremony and reception locations.
- Assemble bridal party.
- Decide what type of entertainment you want. A soloist for the church, harpist, a DJ, or band?
- Research and book your vendors -photographer, videographer, band or DJ, florist, wedding planner
- Contact rental companies if you need to rent anything for ceremony/reception, such as chairs, tables, and décor .

## **8-10 months before**

- Buying lingerie for your wedding day
- Bride: Order your gown.
- Think about your floral décor.
- Decide on a colour scheme.
- Research and reserve accommodation for guests.
- Register for any gift lists you want.
- Book ceremony musicians.

## **6-8 months before**

- Order bridesmaid dresses.
- Buy accessories i.e. shoes for Bridesmaids.
- Book florist.
- Start planning and book honeymoon.
- Send save-the-date cards.
- Buy wedding rings.

## **4-6 months before**

- Send notification of intent to marry

- Attend pre-marriage course if required.
- Decide on readings and mass.
- Order invitations.
- Order Mass booklets.
- Order favors.
- Book transport: limousines etc.
- Decide on a cake, and sample some.
- Buy unity candle.

### **3 months before**

- Send notification of intent to marry (Last chance)
- Order wedding cake.
- Hire a calligrapher, if you would like for your invites..
- Bridesmaid fitting for dresses
- Groom's party fitting for suits.
- Choose bridal accessories, shoes etc
- Buy honeymoon clothing

### **2 months before**

- Post your invitations.
- Purchase attendants gifts.
- Book make-up trial.
- Book hair trial.
- Book hair and beauty consultants.
- Try out a tanning product.

### **1 month before**

- Bride: Have final gown fitting.
- Collect bridal gown and bridesmaids dresses..
- Confirm menu with reception venue
- Make last-minute adjustments with vendors and confirm their services.
- Agree on photo's to be taken with the photographer.

- Send a music list to your band/dj.

## **2 weeks before**

- Review final RSVP list and call any guests who have not yet sent a response.
- Plan reception table seating.

## **1 week before**

- Give reception venue final guest head count.
- Plan reception seating chart.
- Print place and table cards
- Call all wedding vendors and confirm services.
- Bride get hair coloured if needed.
- Attend rehearsal with ceremony officiant.

## **2-3 days before**

- Bridal gown may need to be pressed.
- Groom collect suits.
- Reconfirm final details with all vendors. Discuss any last-minute changes. Provide a telephone number for the wedding day.
- Call the transport company for pickup times and locations.
- Don't forget to relax
- Get false tan done.

## **Day before**

- Deliver cake, favors, etc to the reception venue..
- Sort out payments, and give them to your bestman to sort out.

## **Night before**

- No much can be changed now, so wind down and enjoy your evening.

## **Day of**

- Groom get hot shave
- Bride go to hair/beauty appointments.
- Take in every minute of the day
- Assign a bridesmaid to be the photographer's contact so he knows who is who, and ensure he /she is not asking you.

## **Postwedding**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Arrange someone to pick up and return grooms attire.
- Get bridal gown cleaned.
- Write and send thank-you notes to your guests.
- Preserve Bouquets
- Write your wedding report for all your friends on Weddings Online.