

Wedding Checklist FREE

30 key jobs in a typical order, from first budget talk to thank-you notes. Shorter engagement? Do several stages at once, and skip what doesn't apply. Legal requirements and booking times vary by country and venue.

12+ months before

- ☐ Talk budget and who's contributing
- ☐ Draft the first guest list (A and B list)
- ☐ Research and book the venue(s)

10–11 months

- ☐ Book officiant / celebrant
- ☐ Book photographer (and videographer)
- ☐ Book caterer if not included with venue

8–9 months

- ☐ Send save the dates (sooner for destination weddings)
- ☐ Book music: band or DJ
- ☐ Book florist

6–7 months

- ☐ Order outfits (allow time for alterations)
- ☐ Book hair & make-up
- ☐ Choose invitations

4–5 months

- ☐ Book cake / dessert
- ☐ Order rings
- ☐ Plan ceremony outline with officiant

2–3 months

- ☐ Send invitations (6–8 weeks before)
- ☐ Check legal paperwork & deadlines for your location
- ☐ Write a draft day-of timeline

1 month

- ☐ Chase missing RSVPs
- ☐ Give final numbers to caterer and venue
- ☐ Make the seating plan

1–2 weeks

- ☐ Share the final timeline with vendors and wedding party
- ☐ Prepare final payments and tips in envelopes
- ☐ Confirm transport pick-ups

Day before & day of

- ☐ Charge phones, lay out outfits
- ☐ Give rings to the right person
- ☐ Enjoy it, and let the team handle problems

After the wedding

- ☐ Return rentals and outfits
- ☐ Send thank-you notes
- ☐ Change name / documents (if applicable)