



Wedding Timeline

Month of June:

10 months to go!

- Set a date
- Determine budget
- Create guest list
- Choose wedding party
- Narrow down reception venues
- Select and begin meeting with officiant
- Reserve church for ceremony
- Choose colors and theme
- Officially ask bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Research florists
- Research photographers (and possibly videographers)
- Research musicians
- Research caterers (including cake)
- Get ring re-sized
- Book reception location
- Create a wedding website
- Finalize stationery options

Month of July:

9 months to go!

- Try on wedding dresses (possibly buy)
- Try on bridesmaid dresses (possibly buy)
- Select and book entertainment (DJ, band)
- Book photographer/videographer
- Book florist

Month of August:

8 months to go!

- Register (Target, Bed Bath & Beyond)
- Engagement pictures
- Order save-the-date cards (using engagement pictures)

Month of September:

7 months to go!

- Book or ask ceremony musicians (strings, piano, organ, singers)*
- Send out save-the-date cards*

Month of October:

6 months to go!

- Book transportation*
- Wedding dress selected and bought*
- Bridesmaid dresses selected and bought*
- Order invitations*

Month of November:

5 months to go!

- Shop for and order wedding bands*
- Book a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests*
- Start composing day-of timeline/responsibilities*

Month of December:

4 months to go!

- Rent or buy formalwear*
- Any rental equipment needed? (tables, chairs)*
- Finalize guest list*
- Mail invitations*
- Appoint ushers and other ceremony helpers*
- Book hairstylist and makeup artist*
- Decide on and buy accessories for wedding party*
- Begin workout routine*

Month of January:

3 months to go!

- Ask for time off from work*
- Any honeymoon arrangements?*
- Finalize rehearsal dinner details*
- Finalize ceremony readings*
- Print menu cards*
- Print programs*
- Schedule nail appointment for week of March 22-27*

Month of February:

2 months to go!

- Discuss vows: write own, or traditional?
- Purchase gifts for parents, attendants, ushers, and singer
- Research wedding favors for guests
- Research welcome baskets
- Make list of people giving toasts
- Purchase bridesmaid gifts (to give at rehearsal dinner or morning-of)
- Final haircut
- Escort cards (or instead, print out names on a huge frame outside reception hall)
- Find someone to do centerpieces
- Meet with church wedding coordinator
- Order guestbook
- Food tasting
- Finalize "door opening" time with reception venue
- Order ties for groomsmen, ushers, and a different tie for groom
- Book hotel room for honeymoon
- Dance lesson for first dance

Month of March: March 1-14

Final month!

- Have final gown fitting
- Fill out form for wedding coordinator
- Be working on DIY projects!
- Enter guest RSVPs into spreadsheet
- Buy materials for favors
- Start ordering for/assembling welcome baskets
- Have wedding shower and/or bachelorette party
- Finalize flower proposal
- Determine day-of assignments for the wedding party and print/distribute these (E-mail wedding party, ushers, musicians, and immediate family the detailed schedule, with phone numbers to call!)
- Finalize seating chart and get it to reception site manager
- Finalize ceremony Scripture readings (and any readers)
- Print ceremony programs
- Print tri-fold menus for reception tables
- Apply for marriage license
- Request time off work

2 weeks before: March 15-21

- Make nails appointment (for March 22-27)
- Call guests who haven't RSVP'd
- Assemble day-of emergency kit
- Call location manager and make sure vendors have access to the site when they need it
- Call vendors and confirm all details (how long they'll need to set up)
- Assemble or package favors
- Finish DIY projects!
- Welcome bags assembled for out-of-town guests
- Break in wedding shoes
- Call personal attendant and confirm responsibilities

1 week before: March 22-27

- Rent formalwear
- Set aside tips for vendors
- Pack for weekend and honeymoon
- Finalize all transportation details
- Pick up dress
- Get nails done (as close to wedding date as possible)
- Drop off welcome bags at hotel for hotel to distribute
- Assemble emergency day-of kit

Day before: March 28

- Have rehearsal dinner
- Hand detailed schedules to all involved (wedding party, ushers, musicians, family)

Day of: March 29, 2014!



- Give rings to best man
- Give gifts to bridesmaids
- Pay any day-of vendors (hair/makeup, etc.)
- GET MARRIED TO MY BEST FRIEND!!