

Western Wedding Timeline & Checklist

18-12 Months

- Announce your engagement in the local newspaper.
- Decide on the wedding date and choose a reception site.
- Together, set a preliminary budget for the wedding.
- Contact your clergyman or a judge to make arrangements for the ceremony.
- Interview & hire a DJ or Band for wedding & reception.
- Interview & hire a photographer.
- Interview & hire a videographer.

12-6 Months

- Select the wedding party.
- Order a bridal gown, garter and footwear.
- Hire a limousine service.
- Hire a florist.
- Gather your invitation list and addresses.
- Make reservations for your honeymoon.
- Select bridesmaids, groomsmen, and other attendant's outfits.
- Select guest book, ring pillow, toasting glasses and other ceremony items.
- Register at 3 stores for your wedding registry.
- Reserve rooms to accommodate any out of town guests.

6-4 Months

- Order wedding invitations, place settings, and thank you cards.
- Make reservations for the rehearsal dinner.
- Select caterer for the reception.
- Hire a hair stylist and make up artist.
- Choose who is going to perform readings at the wedding.
- Obtain or renew passports if traveling out of country.

4-3 Months

- Select wedding rings and/or bands.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Buy gifts for bridal party.
- Order wedding cake and cake top decoration.
- Purchase wedding favors.

2-1 Months

- Obtain marriage license.
- Arrange for ushers formalwear measurements and confirm pickup date.
- Send out wedding invitations.
- Finalize arrangements with florist, photographer, caterer and videographer.
- Confirm wedding day hair/beauty/nail appointments.

1 Week

- Give caterer final guest count.
- Pre-pack for the honeymoon.
- Have all final payment envelopes ready.

- Give rehearsal dinner itinerary to attendants.
- Finalize seating arrangements for the reception.
- Get travelers checks for honeymoon.

1 Day

- Finish packing for your honeymoon.
- Make sure you have driver's license, credit cards, passports, etc.
- Give gifts to bridal attendants & groomsmen.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before.

Wedding Day!

- Remember wedding rings, marriage license, tickets, passports, credit cards, etc.
- Have travel luggage all ready to go.
- Try to eat something in the morning to give you energy for the day.
- Enjoy your special wedding day!

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