

12 - 18 Months

- Announce Engagement
- Select Wedding Date
- Hire wedding planner/coordinator
- Determine type of wedding: location, theme, formality, time of day
- Create an approximate # guest list
- Decide if you will be inviting children or not
- Determine budget & how expenses will be shared
- Buy a daytimer to keep track of appointments & events
- Develop a record keeping system for payments
- Order and send out Save the Dates 1 year in advance

9 - 12 Months

- Select and reserve ceremony site
- Select and book reception location
- Choose your wedding party and confirm the participants
- Determine colour scheme
- Select and book Officiant/Priest/Minister/Rabbi
- Select and order bridal gown
- Obtain, passports, visas, birth certificates, any documents need for travel and/or marriage licenses
- Select and book caterer, if needed

6 – 9 Months

- Book your photographer
- Book your videographer
- Select and book ceremony musicians
- Select and order attire for bridesmaids & flower girl
- Select and order attire for mothers of the bride and groom
- Select and book live band or DJ for reception
- Select and book florist and décor specialist
- Register for your wedding gifts (this can be done sooner)

4 – 6 Months

- Arrange marriage prep-courses, if necessary
- Finalize menu & beverage selection from venue
- Finalize an A and B list of guests
- Select and order invitations and other wedding stationary
- Take formal engagement picture
- Choose wedding bands
- Research and arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Plan activities for out-of-town guests (optional)
- Book your limousine service
- Get photography permit, if needed
- Reserve the men's wedding attire
- Book your cake designer

2 – 4 Months

- Address and Send out your invitations
- Shop for your wedding gifts to each other
- Shop for your wedding gifts to your wedding party
- Shop for your wedding gifts to your parents
- Order party favours/bombonniere
- Plan your honeymoon
- Select and book honeymoon night suite
- Set date, time and location for rehearsal dinner
- Buy shoes, lingerie and accessories for the bride
- Buy shoes and accessories for the bridesmaids
- Go on trials and book wedding day hair and makeup. Bring your headpiece and wear a white shirt
- Obtain marriage license (expires in 3 months)
- Select ceremony readers
- Select ushers to seat your guests
- Select your MC
- Plan bridesmaid luncheon or bachelorette/stagette party

6 – 8 Weeks

- Select your something old, new, borrowed, blue
- Maintain a record of RSVP's and early wedding gifts
- Maintain a record of shower gifts and send thank you's
- Purchase all ceremony and reception accessories: guest book, toasting glasses, garter, ring pillow, money box, etc.
- Visit reception site for floor plan
- Finalize all ceremony details with Officiant
- Finalize all reception details with Venue/Planner
- Start alteration fittings for yourself and bridesmaids

2 – 6 Weeks

- Finalize all rehearsal arrangements
- Finalize all floral & décor arrangements
- Contact guests that haven't replied
- Create reception seating plan
- Make a wedding day itinerary (planner)
- Pick up wedding rings
- Give photographer a photo checklist
- Give musicians/DJ a list of your music selection
- Decide order of processional/recessional, receiving line, grand entrance and head table setting
- Wrap reception favours/bombonniere (if necessary)
- Inform attendants when and where to pick up attire
- Determine VIP seating for ceremony seating
- Send itinerary with all details to all your vendors (planner)

Two Weeks Before Wedding

- Print out Ceremony programs
- Print out menu cards
- Give a copy of the itinerary to your wedding party
- Pick up honeymoon tickets
- Arrange mail collection while you are on honeymoon

Week Before Wedding

- Give caterer/reception venue final tally of guests
- Pick up gown from Alterations and Steaming
- Ceremony Rehearsal and Dinner
- Make sure you bring all gifts that will be handed out at dinner
- Review VIP seating with ushers at ceremony location
- Finalize seating floor plan and forward to reception venue
- Print out seating cards/seating chart

Evening Before Wedding

- Drop off all wedding accessories and/or décor, favours, etc... off at ceremony and reception locations
- Make sure you have all final payments in envelopes for wedding day
- Pack over night bag for honeymoon suite
- Get a good nights sleep

Day of Wedding

- Most of the details will be on your wedding day itinerary
- Eat breakfast
- Pack anything remaining on your "To Bring" list in cars
- Make sure Best Man has both rings
- Make sure you have your marriage license, photo permit and Special Occasions Permit, if needed
- Put your engagement ring on your right hand
- Remember to look around and soak in the views of the day you planned so long and hard for, don't worry about anything**

After Wedding

- Make a list of guests and what gift they gave
- Enjoy your HONEYMOON!
- Contact photographer to get details of timing for proofs/albums/thank you cards
- Contact videographer to get details of timing for proof edit and final edit videos
- Send out thank you cards
- Enjoy being newlyweds and your new life together.