

WEDDING PREPARATION TIMELINE

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Determine budget and contribution sources
 - Draft initial guest list and estimated headcount
 - Research and book ceremony and reception venues
 - Hire a wedding planner (optional)
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9 - 10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book photographer, videographer, and DJ/Band
 - Purchase wedding attire and schedule alterations
 - Create wedding website and registry
 - Send "Save the Date" cards
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6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Reserve hotel room blocks for out-of-town guests
 - Finalize florist designs and floral arrangements
 - Order bridesmaid dresses and coordinate groomsmen attire
 - Plan honeymoon destination and book flights
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3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding cake and finalize menu tasting
 - Purchase wedding rings and accessories
 - Finalize ceremony readings and vows
 - Mail formal invitations
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1 MONTH BEFORE

- Apply for marriage license
 - Finalize seating chart and place cards
 - Confirm final headcount with caterer and venue
 - Complete final dress fitting
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THE FINAL WEEK

- Provide wedding day timeline to all vendors
 - Pack an "Emergency Kit" (safety pins, tide pen, aspirin)
 - Confirm transportation details for the bridal party
 - Prepare final payment envelopes and tips for vendors
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