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| **Up to 12 months before** | | |
|  | Set a date |  |
|  | Get inspiration and ideas (see Pinterest and inspiration board) |  |
|  | Decide on a wedding style |  |
|  | Set priorities |  |
|  | Set budget |  |
|  | Choose wedding party |  |
|  | Find a venue for ceremony and reception |  |
|  | Find a wedding planner |  |
|  | Find a photographer |  |
|  | Find a caterer |  |
|  | Find a florist |  |
|  | Find a musician |  |
|  | Find a wedding dress |  |
|  | Order save the dates |  |
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| **10 – 11 months before** | | |
|  | Start looking for dresses and accessories for bride and bridal party |  |
|  | Reserve a venue for ceremony and reception |  |
|  | Book a photographer |  |
|  | Book a DJ/band |  |
|  | Book a florist |  |
|  | Book a wedding planner |  |
|  | Book a caterer |  |
|  | Decide on décor |  |
|  | Start making a guest list |  |
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| **9 - 10 months before** | | |
|  | Plan a honeymoon |  |
|  | Start looking for invitations and stationery (wedding invitations, menu cards, thank you notes) |  |
|  | Start looking for favors |  |
|  | Choose dresses and accessories for bride and bridal party |  |
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| **7 – 8 months before** | | |
|  | Find two hotels for guests coming from out of town |  |
|  | Create gift registries |  |
|  | Start deciding on hairstyle and makeup style |  |
|  | Book an officiant |  |
|  | Reserve tables, chairs, linens, and anything else the caterer is not taking care of |  |
|  | Reserve décor |  |
|  | Choose cake |  |
|  | Decide on menu |  |
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| **6 – 7 months before** | | |
|  | Meet with officiant |  |
|  | Book cake |  |
|  | Schedule tastings |  |
|  | Decide on outfits for groomsmen |  |
|  | Book a florist |  |
|  | Book a musician |  |
|  | Finalize a guest list |  |
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| **4 – 5 months before** | | |
|  | Choose flowers for reception, party, attendants, etc. |  |
|  | Order wedding cake |  |
|  | Schedule dress fittings |  |
|  | Book honeymoon flights and hotels |  |
|  | Book room for wedding night |  |
|  | Finalize a rehearsal dinner guest list |  |
|  | Purchase or rent toasting flutes and serving pieces |  |
|  | Purchase or make a guest book |  |
|  | Order a flower basket |  |
|  | Buy a ring bearer pillow |  |
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| **3 – 4 months before** | | |
|  | Prepare playlists for DJ/band |  |
|  | Book rehearsal dinner venue |  |
|  | Finalize reception menu |  |
|  | Order menu cards |  |
|  | Order wedding favors |  |
|  | Order rehearsal dinner invitations |  |
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| **3 months before** | | |
|  | Finalize honeymoon plans |  |
|  | Ensure passport is valid if honeymoon is abroad |  |
|  | Plan ceremony |  |
|  | Plan reception seating |  |
|  | Experiments with hair to decide on hairstyle |  |
|  | Create RSVP list |  |
|  | Book spa and beauty treatments for you and your bridal party for week before |  |
|  | Book mani/pedi/massage for day before |  |
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| **2 months before** | | |
|  | Send wedding invitations |  |
|  | Update RSVP list |  |
|  | Begin writing wedding vows |  |
|  | Meet with officiant to plan the ceremony |  |
|  | Apply for marriage license |  |
|  | Finalize fittings for wedding dress and wedding party |  |
|  | Finalize seating |  |
|  | Finalize playlists with DJ/band |  |
|  | Create a wedding day schedule and send to wedding party, vendors and officiant |  |
|  | Get "Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue" |  |
|  | Order transportation for wedding day |  |
|  | Pick up wedding rings |  |
|  | Buy shoes and undergarments |  |
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| **1 month before** | | |
|  | Give a copy of your honeymoon itinerary to someone at home |  |
|  | Call vendors to confirm date, time and location |  |
|  | Confirm honeymoon reservations |  |
|  | Pick up marriage license |  |
|  | Update registries |  |
|  | Delegate someone to return all rentals |  |
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| **2 weeks before** | | |
|  | Pack for honeymoon |  |
|  | Final dress fitting |  |
|  | Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd |  |
|  | Give caterer the final count |  |
|  | Prepare wedding day emergency kit |  |
|  | Break in wedding shoes |  |
|  | Send playlists to DJ/band |  |
|  | Prepare payments for vendors |  |
|  | Prepare cash tips for service providers |  |
|  | Meet with photographer to discuss requests |  |
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| **1 week before** | | |
|  | Get haircut and color |  |
|  | Prepare all wedding clothes |  |
|  | Get spa and beauty treatments for you and your bridal party |  |
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| **The day before** | | |
|  | Get a mani/pedi/massage |  |
|  | Attend wedding rehearsal |  |
|  | Wedding day |  |
|  | Eat a good breakfast |  |
|  | Give wedding rings to the best man |  |
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| **After the wedding** | | |
|  | Return all rentals |  |
|  | Get wedding dress cleaned |  |
|  | Send out thank you cards |  |
|  | Get photos and video |  |