

THE ESSENTIAL

WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST



12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research photographers and videographers. Be sure you feel comfortable with them and they understand what you envision.
- Gather photos for inspiration (basically, you officially have permission to go nuts on Pinterest!)
- Pick the bridal party, you're going to want all the help and support you can get!



11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hire and book all your vendors: photographers, videographers, DJ, band, officiant, florist, cake, etc.
- Sign the contract and put down the initial deposit. (if booking with a Seven-Degrees preferred vendor let your wedding coordinator know and we will take care of this for you!)
- Start planning Save the Dates.
- Request necessary insurance documents from vendors so they have plenty of time to get that taken care of.
- Firm up your guest list, this is a big one!
- Begin planning your menu.
- Give your Seven-Degrees coordinator your vendors contact information
- Take engagement photos, these are great to send out with (or as) your Save the Dates!
- Start shopping for your Wedding Dress (the fun part!)



6-7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out Save the Dates (don't forget those lovely engagement photos!)
- Design & finalize your Wedding Invitations.
- Start shopping for Bridesmaids Dresses.
- Purchase your Wedding Dress!
- Meet and begin finalizing everything with your florist.
- Begin planning out your ceremony.
- Look for specialty linens if you want custom linens other than the ones Seven-Degrees offers.



4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin purchasing accessories-shoes, veil, jewelry.
- Start to finalize the Groom and Groomsmen attire.
- Purchase and receive your Wedding Invitations no later than 4 months prior.
- Once they are received begin addressing them.
- Schedule a hair/make-up trial.
- Start looking for rehearsal lunch/dinner locations.
- Book your mock-up/sample table meeting with your florist to finalize your florals.
- Begin purchasing decor items for your ceremony or reception that you are planning on providing.
- Begin arranging transportation needs. (You're going to want to leave the party in style).



2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out invitations at the 3-month mark.
- Finish purchasing decor items for your ceremony or reception that you are planning on providing.
- Send out your current timeline and room diagrams to all your vendors to give them enough time for possible feedback/questions.
- Finalize the design of all your paper goods and order them--menus, place cards, programs, etc.
- DJ or Band--confirm music choices with them and discuss the style of music you are doing for the event.
- Finalize your ceremony.
- Book your rehearsal lunch/dinner location.
- Purchase Wedding Bands (resist urge to immediately start wearing them).
- Discuss all the details with your vendors.



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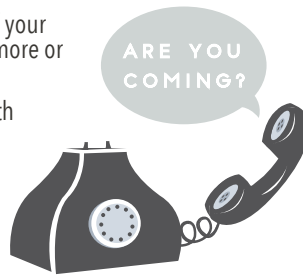
1 MONTH BEFORE

- Get your marriage license. Schedule an appointment ahead of time so you don't have to wait!
- Begin keeping track of RSVP's on your guest list and keep it noted all in one place.
- Go for your last dress fitting.
- Send out as many final payments as you can to your vendors.
- Begin doing seating arrangements. Don't panic on your 100th revision.



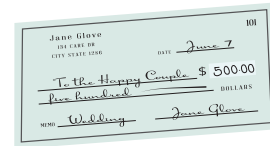
2-3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Call guests who have not RSVP'd.
- Confirm the floral proposal with your florist. If your guest count went up or down you may need more or less centerpieces or arrangements.
- Have your final meeting at Seven-Degrees with your coordinator.
- Bustle your dress.
- Confirm vendor arrival times
- Delegate small wedding day tasks.
- Finalize your seating arrangements (Draft #2,462).
- Put together an emergency "day of" kit.
- Take care of any final payments/tips (this could also be your Seven-Degrees coordinator who does this).



1 WEEK BEFORE

- Reconfirm with your vendors that they have everything they need from you as well as their arrival times.
- Start to put all your wedding decor/supplies together that you are going to drop off at Seven-Degrees to set-up (refer to the checklist that was discussed in your final meeting).
- Get your Wedding Dress pressed and looking its best.
- Set aside checks for any vendors that require payment on the day of.
- E-mail your final guest list to your coordinator.



REHEARSAL

- Drop off all your wedding decor/supplies to Seven-Degrees.
- Give your bridal party/family members any last minute information that they may need.
- Keep those cold feet warm, we recommend warm baths, scented candles, and deep breaths.

YOUR WEDDING DAY!

Take periodical moments to soak it all up--your dress, your dreams, and the new chapter in your adventurous story that ends Happily Ever After.



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