



The Wedding Planning Checklist

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12-18 Months to go

Congratulations on your engagement!

Weddings are a special and exciting time, full of joy and celebration. But, it can take months of planning and organisation to achieve the day of your dreams.

As a seasoned wedding photographer with more than 12 years' experience, I've put together a planning check-list to help you on your wedding journey.

- Set a date (or shortlist a few)
- Set budget & divide costs
- Research, visit and book your dream venue!
- Visit churches, if having a religious ceremony
- Create your wedding guest list
- Consider a wedding coordinator
- Send 'save the date' cards or messages
- Find a professional wedding photographer
- Book a videographer, if having one
- Choose your bridesmaids and best man
- Book the entertainment
- Book wedding caterers (if needed)
- Book your florist in advance
- Consider a pre-wedding fitness regime
- Research honeymoon destinations
- Consider wedding insurance
- Choose your wedding dress



6 Months to go

As the wedding day gets ever closer and excitement mounts, everything should be coming together. But there's still some finishing touches...

- Get stuck in to wedding cake testing!
- Choose your beautiful shoes and accessories
- Find a local make-up artist and hair stylist
- Buy wedding bands
- Reserve any rentals required
- Look in to transport options for guests
- Think about background music for the day
- Consider table names
- Decide on a wedding theme or colours
- Choose outfits for your bridesmaids, page boys and flower girls

3 Months to go

There's not long to go, but there's still a few final preparations before you can walk down the aisle...

- Wedding dress alterations
- Send out wedding invitations
- Make-up trial and hair trial
- Choose gifts for bridesmaids and the best man
- Get any pre-honeymoon vaccinations required
- Ensure passports are up-to-date
- Plan the infamous hen and stag parties!
- And finally - keep drinking water, taking exercise and looking after yourself!



1 Month to go

In the final week's before 'I do' everything should be in place, with just the finishing touches to be added.

- Arrange for the final wedding dress fitting
- Reconfirm arrangements with suppliers
- Finalise seating plans
- Chase up any guests yet to confirm
- Print order of service and readings
- Secure a date to collect any hired outfits
- Write speeches!
- Book a facial and a massage to de-stress

1 Week to go

- Have your hair cut/coloured
- Pack your honeymoon suitcase!
- Wear-in your wedding shoes (top tip!)
- Create a list of suppliers and give to a friend

The night before

- Have a girlie night in and watch some movies
- Get a manicure/pedicure
- Have an early night!