Wedding Planning

CHECKLIST

12 months before

- ☐ Decide on a budget
- ☐ Pick a venue & reserve a date
- ☐ Draft a guest list
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner
- ☐ Research vendors
- ☐ Order Save-The-Dates
- ☐ Throw an engagement party

10-12 months before

- ☐ Book photographer
- ☐ Book florist
- ☐ Book caterer
- ☐ Book event rentals
- ☐ Book registrar
- ☐ Give notice (sign a legal statement at your local register office stating your intention to marry, this can be done anytime between 12 months to 29 days before the big day)
- ☐ Take engagement photos
- ☐ Decide who's in the bridal party
- ☐ Finalise guest list
- ☐ Send Save-The-Dates
- ☐ Start looking at wedding dresses

8-10 months before

- ☐ Buy wedding dress
- ☐ Book a band or DJ
- ☐ Do a cake tasting & choose your wedding cake
- ☐ Hire hair & make up artists
- ☐ Make a registry
- ☐ Plan ceremony & reception decor

6-8 months before

- ☐ Choose your wedding rings (there are endless variables; size, profile, thickness, metal, textures and finishing touches etc. so they're handmade to order)
- ☐ Decide on bridesmaids dresses
- ☐ Plan & book honeymoon
- ☐ Create song list for ceremony & reception
- ☐ Block out hotel rooms for out of town guests

4-6 months before

- ☐ Order wedding invitations
- ☐ Decide on groomsman attire
- ☐ Order gifts for bridal party, parents and each other
- ☐ Order wedding favours

2-4 months before

- ☐ Hair and makeup trials
- ☐ Send out invites
- ☐ Finalise menu with caterer
- ☐ Finalise wedding cake details
- ☐ Finalise floral arrangements

1 month before

- ☐ Last chance to give notice!
- ☐ Work on seating plan
- ☐ Order thank you cards
- ☐ Write vows
- ☐ Review song list with DJ/band

2 weeks before

- ☐ Do final dress fitting
- ☐ Follow up any guests that haven't RSVP'd
- ☐ Give priority shot list to the photographer
- ☐ Get a final headcount to the caterer and find out any guest food allergy details
- ☐ Get hair cut & coloured

1 week before

- ☐ Finalise seating plan
- ☐ Send out wedding day schedule
- ☐ Confirm everything with vendors

2 days before

- ☐ Get a manicure & pedicure
- ☐ Pack a bag of wedding day essentials
- ☐ Get a spray tan

1 day before

- ☐ Enjoy time with your family and friends in town
- ☐ Get excited

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