

Wedding Planning Checklist



12 Months Before

- Decide on the date
- Set a budget
- Decide on a number of guests
- Think about the style of wedding to ensure it matches the venue
- Consider hiring a wedding planner
- Research/Book venues for ceremony & reception
- Look in to wedding insurance
- Research suppliers
- Book photographer & videographer
- Book your band, DJs and musicians
- Pop the question to your bridesmaids & groomsmen
- Send 'Save the Date' Cards if you're getting married abroad
- Decide on Colour Palette
- Collect guest's names & addresses

8 - 10 Months Before

- Create a shared calendar with everyone helping you
- Find accommodation for wedding party and guests
- Plan your decor in line with style
- Enase florist
- Order your wedding cake
- Organise transport
- Book the honeymoon
- Check for visas/passport date/vaccinations
- Start your wedding dress research

6 - 8 Months Before

- Order your stationery
- Sent out invites if you are having a destination wedding
- Book props & furniture you need to rent
- Groomsmen & bridesmaids organise hen's and stag's parties
- Hire stylists and book trials
- Order wedding dress from designer/boutique
- Secure transport
- Buy or look in to hire options for groom's suit & groomsmen
- Source the bridesmaid dresses
- Book pre-marriage course (if getting married in a Catholic church)

4 - 6 Months Before

- Get your paperwork in order
- Send notification of intention to marry in Ireland to the registrar
- Order bridesmaids' dresses
- Order of service for ceremony
- Buy wedding shoes and accessories
- Start DIY projects if applicable
- Finalise decor and flowers
- Compile your wedding gift list (if you're having one)
- Get Best Man and Groomsmen's suits fitted

2 - 3 Months Before

- Send invitations to guests if not destination wedding
- Attend dress fittings
- Order gifts & favours
- Buy wedding rings
- Buy lingerie
- Shop for any last minute reception and venue decor
- Have any vaccinations needed for the honeymoon
- Decide on your first dance
- Arrange food tasting and decide on menu
- Check out/test tanning options
- Think about your table plan display
- Take dance lessons for your first dance

4 Weeks Before

- Create a timetable for the wedding day
- Last adjustments with vendors
- Check for any missing RSVPs
- Buy a guest book
- Create a seating chart
- Have your final wedding dress fitting
- Confirm menu and any dietary requirements with the venue
- Send out as many final payments as possible
- Collect bridesmaid dresses if alterations were necessary
- Send song suggestions/playlist to band/DJ
- Finalise guest list
- Finalise mass/ceremony booklet & who's doing readings etc.
- Start breaking in your wedding shoes

2 Weeks Before

- Confirm the guest count with your vendors
- Chat with your photographer
- Review the venue checklist
- Collect wedding dress, suit and rings
- Ensure wedding party have their outfits
- Write speeches/vows
- Order foreign currency for honeymoon if needed
- Put together favours if applicable
- Get your something old/new/borrowed/blue (if you're doing this tradition)
- Confirm time of cake delivery
- Arrange for delivery of flowers to church/venue/home
- Arrange for flowers/gifts to be given to parents/grandmothers/ etc.

1 Week Before

- Final Check in with suppliers
- Assign bridesmaid/groomsman as contact person and provide every vendor with their contact details
- Time for makeovers and beauty treatments
- Try your entire outfit on
- Pack your bags
- Visit venue - final check in on placements (band, cake, first dance etc.) and timings
- Have place cards printed
- Hair cut for groom
- Organise cash for payments for suppliers

2 - 3 Days Before

- Re confirm pick-up times for wedding party
- Make any last minute changes to table/seating plans
- Put together bridal emergency kit

The Day Before

- Drop all luggage/ wedding items off at the venue
- Give list of suppliers/contact numbers to bridesmaid/groomsman
- Give bridal party itinerary/timings for hair & make up
- Have the rings/wedding suppliers payment envelopes ready
- Lay out your outfit and accessories
- Attend Rehearsal Dinner if applicable
- Ceremony Rehearsal and walk through
- Relax and Soak up the excitement
- Get a good nights sleep!

The Wedding Day

- Treat your friends: Give out your bridal party gifts!
- Put the wedding party to work for anything that occurs
- Drink water and eat!
- Enjoy every second!

After The Wedding

- Return the rentals
- Get on those thank-you notes!
- Collect your marriage certificate.
- Last, but certainly not least, breathe.

Notes