

Your Timetable

from the beginning to the end

The Planning stages of a large formal wedding should begin approximately 12 months in advance. Planning carefully will enable you to enjoy every moment of your wedding day. Use this timetable to help you from the beginning to the day of your wedding.

Six Months to Twelve Months

- Decide budget; discuss sharing of expenses. _____
- Decide type of wedding. _____
- Choose location of ceremony. _____
- Discuss alternative dates with clergy or officiator. _____
- Decide size of wedding party, choose attendants. _____
- Select gown style. _____
- Select veil style. _____
- Select attendants' apparel. _____
- Choose reception facility. _____
- Review florists arrangements, finalize order. _____
- Select caterer / wedding consultant. _____
- Plan details of reception. _____
- Select photographer. _____
- Have engagement photos taken. _____
- Select ceremony musicians and music. _____
- Select music for reception. _____
- Select videographer. _____
- Compile families invitation list. _____
- Discuss gown colours and styles with mothers of bride and groom. _____

Four to Six Months

- Order wedding cakes. _____
- Reserve limousine, carriage, trolley or coach transportation. _____
- Select men's formal wear. _____
- Make honeymoon plans. _____
- Register gift preferences with one or more bridal registries. _____
- Order invitations, personal stationery, programs, napkins, etc. _____
- Professionally prepare and print map to include with invitations. _____
- Set aside hotel rooms for out-of-town guests. _____
- Buy wedding rings, order engraving. _____

Your Timetable (cont'd)

Two to Four Months

- Mail invitations eight to ten weeks before wedding. _____
- First bridal fitting. _____
- Reserve rental items; candelabra, arches, canopy, linens, etc. _____
- Arrange rehearsal dinner. _____
- Address wedding invitations. _____
- Buy attendants' gifts and your gifts for each other. _____
- Experiment with hairstyles and makeup changes. _____
- Buy bride's and attendants' shoes-send to dyer. _____

One to Two Months

- Call all your contracted services to confirm arrangements. _____
- Second bridal fitting. _____
- Confirm honeymoon trip reservations. _____
- Select reception decorations; balloons, candles, flowers, table favours. _____
- Select ceremony accessories; unity candle, ring pillow, guestbook, etc. _____
- Select personal accessories; handbag, garter, engraved goblets, guest mementos. _____
- Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or luncheon. _____
- Buy marriage license. _____
- Create checklist for personal items, Reception & Honeymoon. _____

Two Weeks

- Schedule appointments for hair stylist, facial, manicure, massage. _____
- Invite wedding party and guests to rehearsal dinner. _____
- Move your personal and mutual belongings to new home. _____
- Review reception seating and order place cards from calligrapher. _____
- Confirm out-of-town guests lodging with reserved hotels. _____
- Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times. _____
- Record gifts as you receive them; write thank you notes. _____
- Arrange for gown cleaning and bouquet preservation after wedding. _____

One to Two Weeks

- Final bridal fitting. _____
- Final attendants' fittings. _____
- Final Mothers' fittings. _____
- Pick up wedding rings, check engravings and sizes. _____
- Final consultations; florist, musicians, photographer, videographer. _____
- Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer. _____
- Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes. _____
- Make a wedding day schedule and give everyone copies at rehearsal dinner. _____
- Relax the day before, keep personal appointments; finish honeymoon packing. _____