Wedding Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **One Year Before**

☐ **Fall in love!**

☐ **Make a budget.**

☐ **Determine elements like theme, tone, colors, etc.**

☐ **Determine the kind of venue you and your partner would like for your wedding**

*Find a venue.*

☐ **Set the date and time.**

☐ **Book your venues, both ceremony and reception sites.**

☐ **Take photos for engagement announcement.**

☐ **Announce your engagement via a website, blog, newspaper, post, email, etc.**

☐ **Plan an engagement party.**

☐ **Hire a wedding planner or consultant.**

☐ **Find and book someone to perform your wedding ceremony.**

☐ **Research online and buy bridal magazines to get inspiration.**

☐ **Nine Months Before**

☐ **Make a guest list.**

☐ **Send 'Save the Date' notices to guests.**

☐ **Choose members of the wedding party (maid of honor, best man, bridesmaids, ushers, ring bearer, flower girl, etc.)**

☐ **Discuss where your honeymoon will be, begin researching and set a budget.**

☐ **Book your honeymoon transportation and accommodation**

*Find Bed & Breakfasts.*

☐ **Find a caterer for food and drinks**

*Go for a few tastings.*

☐ **Find a wedding cake maker and be sure to go for tastings!**

☐ **Find a florist and begin choosing flowers (for decoration, bouquets, corsages, boutonnieres, flower girls, etc.)**

☐ **Find a photographer and/or videographer.**

☐ **Start shopping for your wedding dress and accessories (jewelry, shoes, veil, gloves, hats, etc**

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☐ **Choose and order decorations (centerpieces, balloons, etc**

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☐ **Join a gym, take fitness classes or begin a sport**

*Get in shape for all those photos!*

☐ **Six Months Before**

☐ **Register for gifts.**

☐ **Choose and order your invitations.**

☐ **Find a DJ or musician(s).**

☐ **Order your wedding gown and schedule fittings.**

☐ **Order your wedding cake.**

☐ **If traveling abroad for your honeymoon, make sure passports, visas and inoculations are up to date.**

☐ **Check to see if you'll need rental equipment such as tables, chairs, glassware, dishes, linens, tents, etc.**

☐ **Book accommodation for the wedding night (for yourselves plus those traveling).**

☐ **Choose menswear for groom and ushers**

*Purchase or arrange rentals.*

☐ **Shop for and order your bridesmaids dresses.**

☐ **Plan your rehearsal dinner including location, date, time, menu, guest list, etc.**

☐ **Arrange transportation to and from the wedding, perhaps something special like a limo, horse and carriage, etc?**

☐ **Go shopping for wedding rings.**

☐ **Make your own or buy wedding favors.**

☐ **Purchase wedding accessories (jewelry, shoes, veil, gloves, hats, etc**

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☐ **Be sure parents have selected their wedding attire.**

☐ **Three Months Before**

☐ **Send out the wedding invitations.**

☐ **Review the day's events with your officiant who will perform the ceremony.**

☐ **Meet with your photographer and/or videographer to discuss your wishes and needs.**

☐ **Meet with your DJ or musician(s) to discuss song selections.**

☐ **Finalize the menu with your caterer.**

☐ **Investigate what is required for a marriage license (blood tests, documents, etc**

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☐ **If you are changing your name, begin this process now.**

☐ **Check that documents are in order (legal, insurance, financial, medical, and religious).**

☐ **Finalize details for rehearsal dinner.**

☐ **Buy wedding rings.**

☐ **Attend your bridal shower.**

☐ **Schedule another wedding gown fitting.**

☐ **If you are writing your own wedding vows, begin doing so now.**

☐ **Research hairstyles and makeup**

*Find and book beauty services.*

☐ **Buy gifts for the wedding party and your fiance.**

☐ **Keep a running tally of RSVPs from the invites.**

☐ **Take dancing lessons.**

☐ **One Month Before**

☐ **Call all of your service providers and finalize any loose ends.**

☐ **Check in with your bridal party and parents to make final arrangements.**

☐ **Make arrangements for legal documents, appointments with government offices, etc.**

☐ **Have your final fitting for your wedding gown.**

☐ **Determine seating arrangements and make place cards.**

☐ **Schedule a rehearsal session with your hair stylist and makeup artist.**

☐ **Make wedding programs.**

☐ **Pick up wedding rings.**

☐ **If you are moving in together, find a moving company.**

☐ **Choose a song for your first dance as husband and wife.**

☐ **Write thank you notes as gifts are received.**

☐ **A Few Days Before**

☐ **Remember that even if things don't go according to plan, the day will still be memorable.**

☐ **Attend your party (bachelor/stag, bachelorette/hen).**

☐ **Have your rehearsal dinner.**

☐ **If you aren't doing this on your wedding day, go sign legal documents beforehand.**

☐ **Collect your wedding gown.**

☐ **Stage a ceremony rehearsal and practice your vows.**

☐ **Make sure your maid of honor and best man have their toasts prepared.**

☐ **Get travel insurance for your honeymoon.**

☐ **Make arrangements for when you are out of town on your honeymoon**

*Find a pet sitter, freeze newspaper subscriptions, etc.*

☐ **Pack for your honeymoon.**

☐ **Make preparations for fees due on wedding day.**

☐ **Make arrangements to return rented items (groom's attire, equipment, etc.)**

☐ **Treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure**

*Find beauty services.*

☐ **Visit a tanning salon.**

☐ **Exchange gifts with your fiance.**

☐ **After the Wedding**

☐ **Enjoy your honeymoon!**

☐ **Send thank you notes.**

☐ **Ensure paperwork went through for your name change.**

☐ **Preserve your wedding gown.**

☐ **Receive photo album and/or video from your photographer and/or videographer.**

☐ **Order and send photos to your family and/or friends.**

☐ **Review your insurance policies and finances**

*Find and meet with a financial advisor to discuss your options as a couple.*

☐ **Cherish your partner, now and always!**