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WEDDING PLANNING

checklist

1 YEAR BEFORE

- Choose a wedding date
- Set a budget for each vendor
- Make a guest list
- Check out venue locations
- Start contacting vendors for quotes
- Create Pinterest mood boards
- Choose wedding party
- Create Wedding Website
- Research wedding dresses/veils

9-11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hire Vendors
- Schedule Engagement shoot
- Reserve ceremony/reception venue
- Purchase wedding dress
- Order and mail out "Save The Dates"
- Find hotels for out-of-town guest
- Refine guest list
- Create gift registry
- Book officiant

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Reserve Rentals
- Order wedding invitations
- Book transportation to and from venue
- Schedule cake testing
- Purchase wedding bands
- Hire ceremony musicians
- Research hair/makeup looks

4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding cake
- Meet with florist
- Schedule dress fitting
- Book room for wedding night
- Prepare DJ playlist
- Compile rehearsal dinner guesy
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Book honeymoon flights/hotel
- Book a photo booth rental

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize seating arrangements
- Buy wedding party gifts
- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize wedding day timeline; send to all vendors, efficient, and wedding party
- Decide "Something old, something new, and something blue"
- Purchase gift for guest

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Final dress fitting
- Pick up marriage license
- Call/email vendors to confirm date/time/location
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Pick up wedding rings
- Order wedding programs

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2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Break in those wedding shoes by walking around the house
- Make arrangements for caring of pets/children/plants while on honeymoon
- Follow up with guest who have not RSVP'd
- Give final guest count to caterer
- Give final playlist to DJ

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Give photographer and videographer your request
- prepare vows
- prepare final payment and cash tips for service personnel
- Lay out wedding clothing and gather all accessories
- Designate someone to return tuxes, and tend to wedding dress

1 DAY BEFORE

- Treat yourself to mani/pedi
- Attend rehearsal dinner
- Get haircuts
- Go to bed early

BEYOND THE WEDDING

- Send thank you cards no later than 3 weeks after wedding day
- Get wedding dress to cleaners
- Ensure all rentals have been returned

YAYY YOU'RE MARRIED

For couples who have shorter engagement times, having your dream wedding is still possible. Condense this checklist and make sure you are getting all the important task done first.

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