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Your Wedding Planning Checklist

12 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Determine your wedding budget and start saving.
2. Choose your wedding date and start looking for a wedding venue.
3. Start a wedding planning binder or file to keep track of ideas and vendor information.
4. Create your guest list.
5. Hire a wedding planner if desired.
6. Book your ceremony and reception venue.

11 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Book your wedding photographer and/or videographer.
2. Book your wedding caterer.
3. Hire a band, DJ, or other entertainment for the reception.
4. Order your wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses.
5. Decide on the wedding theme, colors, and decor.

10 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Book your florist.
2. Order your wedding invitations and stationery.
3. Choose your wedding cake or dessert vendor.
4. Research and book hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests.
5. Start planning your honeymoon.

9 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Book transportation for the wedding day.
2. Schedule a hair and makeup trial.
3. Choose and order wedding rings.
4. Start planning your rehearsal dinner.
5. Purchase wedding favors and gifts for the bridal party and parents.

8 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Schedule premarital counseling if desired.
2. Choose and book an officiant.
3. Book any additional vendors such as a photo booth or specialty entertainment.
4. Finalize the guest list and collect addresses.
5. Start planning your wedding ceremony and reception details.

7 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Book wedding rentals, such as chairs, tables, and linens.
2. Order wedding signage and decor.
3. Arrange for wedding day childcare if needed.
4. Start planning your wedding day timeline.

6 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Send out save-the-date cards.
2. Book hotel accommodations for yourself and the bridal party.
3. Choose and order groomsmen attire.
4. Choose and purchase wedding shoes and accessories.
5. Start planning your wedding ceremony music.

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5 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Plan the wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
2. Purchase bridal party gifts.
3. Book a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
4. Choose and book a wedding day coordinator if desired.
5. Schedule a food tasting with your caterer.

4 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Choose wedding readings and vows.
2. Send out invitations.
3. Purchase wedding day emergency kit.
4. Order wedding programs and menus.
5. Start planning your wedding day photography and videography shot list.

3 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Finalize wedding ceremony and reception details.
2. Attend your bridal shower and bachelorette party.
3. Have a dress fitting.
4. Schedule final hair and makeup appointments.
5. Purchase wedding day accessories.

2 Months Before the Wedding:

1. Finalize wedding day timeline and send to vendors and wedding party.
2. Finalize wedding decor and signage.
3. Confirm details with all vendors.
4. Get marriage license.
5. Purchase alcohol for reception if necessary.

1 Month Before the Wedding:

1. Attend final dress fitting.
2. Review wedding day timeline with all vendors and wedding party.
3. Get a haircut and color (if needed).
4. Pack for honeymoon.
5. Confirm final headcount with caterer.

Week of the Wedding:

1. Reconfirm all details with vendors.
2. Get a manicure and pedicure.
3. Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
4. Relax and enjoy your wedding day!