

# COUNTING THE DAYS: A PLANNING CALENDAR

<b>AT LEAST NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>	2. Buy stockings and any special lingerie your dress requires.	<input type="radio"/>	5. Break in your wedding shoes.	<input type="radio"/>
1. Set a date, but have backup dates in mind in case the site, caterer, etc. are already booked.	<input type="radio"/>	3. Address the invitations and announcements. Take a completed example to the post office to determine how much postage you need. Buy stamps and prepare the invitations to mail six to eight weeks before the wedding.	<input type="radio"/>	6. Get your marriage license.	<input type="radio"/>
2. Announce your engagement in the newspaper.	<input type="radio"/>	4. Discuss ceremony details with your officiant, and if you're writing your own vows, have them ready to discuss. If there are special readings you want to use, have those as well. Give copies to those you've asked to read so they'll have time to practice.	<input type="radio"/>	7. Confirm the plans for videography of the ceremony and reception.	<input type="radio"/>
3. Book your reception site and limo service.	<input type="radio"/>	5. Shop for gifts for your attendants and have the groom do the same.	<input type="radio"/>	8. Double-check addresses and times of delivery with florist.	<input type="radio"/>
4. Prepare a budget for your wedding, reception and any other wedding-related parties.	<input type="radio"/>	6. Schedule the wedding rehearsal.	<input type="radio"/>	9. Notify the caterer of the final guest count and ask for the final cost-per-person breakdown.	<input type="radio"/>
5. If you're using a bridal consultant, conduct interviews and make a hiring decision.	<input type="radio"/>	7. Take swatches of your dress and your bridesmaids' dresses to your florist to visualize complementary flowers for the ceremony and reception.	<input type="radio"/>	10. Keep writing thank-you notes every day so you don't get behind.	<input type="radio"/>
6. Talk with the person who will perform the ceremony to confirm the date and review the church or synagogue requirements if you plan to be married in a church or temple.	<input type="radio"/>	<b>TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>	<b>ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>
7. Compile the guest list and notify out-of-town friends and family of the wedding date so they can make travel plans.	<input type="radio"/>	1. Mail your wedding invitations.	<input type="radio"/>	1. Begin packing for your honeymoon. Confirm your travel arrangements.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>SIX TO NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>	2. Make an appointment with your hair stylist for the day of the wedding. Do a trial run of your wedding makeup and hair style ahead of time.	<input type="radio"/>	2. Pick up your wedding dress or have it delivered.	<input type="radio"/>
1. Choose the attendants.	<input type="radio"/>	3. Write thank-you notes as you receive gifts.	<input type="radio"/>	3. Make final checks with your officiant and all contracted vendors.	<input type="radio"/>
2. Select and order the bridal gown, veil, gloves, shoes and accessories.	<input type="radio"/>	4. Meet and discuss all the specifics with the musicians involved in your event. Talk about every detail, especially the reception music: volume, type.	<input type="radio"/>	4. Wrap your bridal party gifts and get them ready to take to the rehearsal dinner.	<input type="radio"/>
3. Decide on a florist, caterer, cake maker, photographer, videographer and entertainment. Have written contracts with all vendors.	<input type="radio"/>	5. Have your formal bridal portrait taken.	<input type="radio"/>	<b>ONE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>
4. Shop for bridesmaids' dresses.	<input type="radio"/>	6. Send a bridal portrait and wedding announcement to the newspaper.	<input type="radio"/>	1. Rehearse the ceremony with the bridal party. Give ushers the names of reserved-seating guests.	<input type="radio"/>
5. Decide on the proper attire for the groom, best man, groomsmen and ushers.	<input type="radio"/>	<b>TWO TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>	<b>YOUR WEDDING DAY</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>
6. Choose and order favors for your guests.	<input type="radio"/>	1. Have a final dress fitting. Bring along the shoes and lingerie that you plan on wearing.	<input type="radio"/>	1. Give yourself plenty of time to get dressed	<input type="radio"/>
7. Book hotel accommodations for your wedding night and out-of-town attendants. Book a block of rooms at a hotel for other out-of-town guests.	<input type="radio"/>	2. Arrange a seating plan and write the place cards for your reception.	<input type="radio"/>	2. Remember to relax and enjoy yourself. If the day is magical for you, then it will be for everyone else as well.	<input type="radio"/>
<b>THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING</b>	<b>CHECK BELOW</b>	3. Firm up plans with your photographer for the formal shots and candid shots to be taken at the reception.	<input type="radio"/>		
1. Discuss menu details with your caterer.	<input type="radio"/>	4. Write toasts for the rehearsal dinner and wedding reception.	<input type="radio"/>		