



WEDDINGS BY ANKITA

Wedding Planning Checklist



12-18 Months Before the Wedding

Set a Wedding Budget

- ☐ Decide on a total budget for the wedding.
- ☐ Prioritize spending (venue, catering, décor, etc.).

Create a Guest List

- ☐ Draft an initial guest list with your partner and family.
- ☐ Decide on the number of guests based on your budget.

Choose Your Wedding Date & Venue

- ☐ Select several possible dates.
- ☐ Visit and book your venue (ceremony and reception).

Hire a Wedding Planner

- ☐ Consider hiring a planner to help with logistics and coordination.

Pick a Wedding Theme/Style

- ☐ Choose a theme or color palette for the wedding (e.g., modern, rustic, traditional).

Research Vendors

- ☐ Start researching and shortlisting vendors for catering, photography, music, florals, etc.

9-12 Months Before the Wedding

Book Key Vendors

- ☐ Finalize your photographer/videographer.
- ☐ Book your caterer and florist.
- ☐ Book entertainment (DJ or band).
- ☐ Hire hair and makeup artists.

Send Save-the-Dates

- ☐ Design and send save-the-dates to your guest list (especially for destination weddings).

Shop for Your Wedding Dress/Attire

- ☐ Start shopping for your wedding dress and bridal party attire.
- ☐ Schedule fittings as necessary.

Set Up a Wedding Website

- ☐ Create a wedding website to keep guests informed about details, RSVP, and gift registry.

Plan Your Engagement Party

- ☐ If desired, start planning a small engagement celebration.

Create a Gift Registry

- ☐ Set up your wedding gift registry and share it on your website.

6-9 Months Before the Wedding

Choose Bridesmaids' & Groomsmen's Attire

- ☐ Select outfits for the bridal party and the groom/groomsmen.

Plan the Ceremony

- ☐ Meet with your officiant and plan the ceremony details (vows, traditions, etc.).

Finalize Guest List

- ☐ Review and finalize your guest list with input from family members.

Order Wedding Invitations

- ☐ Design and order your wedding invitations based on your theme.

Book Your Honeymoon

- ☐ Research and book your honeymoon destination and travel arrangements.

Transportation Arrangements

- ☐ Book transportation for yourself and the wedding party for the big day (limousines, buses, etc.).

4-6 Months Before the Wedding

Order Wedding Cake

- ☐ Schedule a cake tasting and book your baker.

Schedule Hair & Makeup Trials

- ☐ Book a trial for your bridal hair and makeup look.

Purchase Wedding Bands

- ☐ Shop for and order wedding rings.

Plan Reception Details

- ☐ Finalize the menu with your caterer.
- ☐ Plan the seating chart and reception layout.
- ☐ Decide on the order of toasts and speeches.

Send Out Invitations

- ☐ Mail out the wedding invitations 4-6 months in advance.

Prepare Wedding Favors

- ☐ Decide on wedding favors or gifts for your guests.

2-4 Months Before the Wedding

Have Your Final Dress Fitting

- ☐ Attend your final dress fitting and ensure all alterations are complete.

Review Ceremony Details with Officiant

- ☐ Go over final details with your officiant, including any special readings or music.

Confirm with Vendors

- ☐ Contact all vendors to confirm dates, times, and services.

- ☐ Double-check contracts and payment schedules.

Plan the Rehearsal Dinner

- ☐ Organize the rehearsal dinner location and guest list.

Obtain Marriage License

- ☐ Research your local marriage license requirements and apply for it.

Create a Day-Of Timeline

- ☐ Coordinate a timeline for the wedding day with your planner, vendors, and bridal party.

1 Month Before the Wedding

RSVP Follow-Up

- ☐ Contact any guests who haven't responded to the invitation.

Finalize Seating Chart

- ☐ Complete the final seating arrangement for the reception.

Confirm Details with Vendors

- ☐ Make sure all vendors have the final details, locations, and times.

Prepare Wedding Vows

- ☐ Write and finalize your personal vows (if applicable).

Pick Up Wedding Attire

- ☐ Pick up your dress, groom's attire, and bridal party outfits.

Prepare Emergency Kit

- ☐ Gather a wedding day emergency kit (stain remover, sewing kit, first aid, etc.).

1-2 Weeks Before the Wedding

Final Vendor Payments

- ☐ Make final payments and tips for vendors if not handled on the day-of.

Attend Final Dress Fitting

- ☐ Do a final fitting to ensure your dress fits perfectly.

Pack for the Honeymoon

- ☐ Start packing your honeymoon essentials and double-check travel arrangements.

Confirm Guest Count

- ☐ Give your caterer and venue the final headcount.

Give Your Planner/Coordinator the Day-Of Timeline

- ☐ Ensure they know all the details for smooth execution.

1 Day Before the Wedding

Attend the Rehearsal & Rehearsal Dinner

- ☐ Go through the ceremony details with the wedding party and officiant.

Prepare Wedding Rings & Marriage License

- ☐ Make sure the rings and license are ready for the big day.

Relax & Get Rest

- ☐ Get plenty of sleep and relax before the big day!

Wedding Day

Eat a Healthy Breakfast

- ☐ Start your day with something light but filling.

Hair & Makeup

- ☐ Arrive at your hair and makeup appointment on time.

Wedding Attire

- ☐ Get dressed and ensure your bridal party is ready.

Ceremony Setup

- ☐ Ensure the ceremony site is prepared and decorated as planned.

Photographer/Videographer Arrives

- ☐ Have your photographer capture getting-ready moments and final touches.

Enjoy Every Moment

- ☐ Stay present, enjoy the day, and let your planner handle the details!