planning timeline

checklist

12 months before

- ☐ Set your budget, prioritizing what is most important to you (flowers, food, décor, guest experience, reception, etc.).
- ☐ Draft a guest list with a focus on what feels right for your celebration.
- ☐ Choose a wedding date and time.
- ☐ Book your ceremony and reception venues.
- ☐ Decide on your theme or style & create a vision board
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner.
- ☐ Research and book a photographer & videographer.
- ☐ Start exploring vendors who align with your wedding vision.

10 months before

- ☐ Finalize your dress choice and schedule fittings.
- ☐ Launch a wedding website to share key details with guests.
- ☐ Send save-the-dates digitally or via mail.
- ☐ Book hair and makeup artists.
- ☐ Coordinate with your bridal party on attire.

8 months before

- ☐ Create your gift registry.
- ☐ Start planning the rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Finalize bridal party attire.
- lacksquare Plan an engagement photoshoot.

6 months before

- ☐ Finalize rental needs and specialty décor.
- Schedule a menu tasting.
- ☐ Begin creative DIY projects for your wedding.
- ☐ Plan a boudoir photoshoot.

4 months before

- Mail invitations.
- Purchase wedding bands.
- □ Confirm your floral arrangements.
- ☐ Plan group experiences for the wedding weekend.

2 months before

- Apply for your marriage license.
- □ Have a final dress fitting with accessories.
- ☐ Finalize seating arrangements.
- Confirm all vendor details and payments.

wedding week

- ☐ Relax with a wellness day.
- ☐ Delegate last-minute tasks to your wedding party.
- □ Confirm the timeline with vendors and the bridal party.

II months before

- Select your bridal party.
- Begin shopping for a wedding dress.
- Secure your caterer.
- ☐ Book DJ and/or live entertainment.
- ☐ Choose a florist to bring your floral vision to life.
- Start brainstorming creative touches for guest experiences.
- Research honeymoon destinations that suit your preferences.

9 months before

- ☐ Finalize the guest list and collect RSVP details.
- ☐ Confirm your officiant.
- Decide on a ceremony layout.
- □ Order your wedding invitations.
- Book transportation.

7 months before

- ☐ Secure a cake designer or alternative dessert options.
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Decide on ceremony music.
- Arrange accommodations for guests.

5 months before

- ☐ Schedule a trial for hair and makeup.
- ☐ Finalize guest favors.
- □ Confirm bridal party accessories.
- Start writing your vows.

3 months before

- □ Have your first dress fitting.
- ☐ Create a detailed wedding-day timeline.
- ☐ Confirm RSVP details.
- ☐ Write thank-you notes for gifts received early.

month before

- ☐ Finalize guest count and notify vendors.
- ☐ Host a bridal shower or pre-wedding celebration.
- ☐ Break in your wedding shoes and finalize your outfit.
- ☐ Pack your honeymoon essentials.

wedding dry

- ☐ Embrace the moment
- $f \Box$ Focus on creating joyful memories.
- Enjoy the thoughtful details.