



# Wedding Preparation

## 12 + MONTHS UNTIL "I-DO"

You may think you have plenty of time before your big day, but it'll be here before you know it! Get started now so you won't stress later.

- Congratulations! Announce your engagement to the world!
- Discuss your desired budget and who is contributing to it (see pg. 6)  
**This is big! You need to have an idea of what you are comfortable spending on your wedding before any decisions are made or contracts are signed.**
- Create a Pinterest account to start a wedding board
- Check the Wedding Show schedule at [TodaysBride.com](http://TodaysBride.com)  
**Our wedding shows offers you the opportunity to meet with local wedding professionals while admiring all the latest bridal trends.**
- Make a wedding email, binder and/or spreadsheet  
**This will become the holy grail for planning your wedding! You need a place to compile all of your thoughts, vendor information, contracts, and details.**
- Choose your wedding party
- Begin compiling a guest list (see pg. 4)  
**It's important to have a general idea of how many guests you'd like to have at your wedding early on in the planning process, as it can affect your venue options, budget, and more!**
- Choose your wedding date
- Research and Pin wedding gowns and bridal party attire (see pg. 8)

### Research

- Wedding Planners (pg. 7)
- Bridal Attire (pg. 8)
- Officiant (pg. 10)
- Ceremony Sites (pg. 10)
- Reception Venues (pg. 12)
- Photography (pg. 14)
- Caterers (pg. 16)
- Bar Service (pg. 17)

### Complete

- Choose a date
- Hire a Wedding Planner
- Hire a Caterer
- Book the Officiant
- Book your Ceremony & Reception venues  
**Your ceremony and reception venues should be the first contracts you sign.**  
**So many things fall into place once**

## The Details

Month I would like to get married in

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My Bridesmaids will be

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My Groomsmen will be

Best Man: 

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My wedding date is

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## Even More...

**The check list continues:**

8-12 months . . pg. 18

3-8 months . . pg. 29

0-3 months . . pg. 37

Print the entire check list and get access to additional planner pages at [TodaysBride.com](http://TodaysBride.com).