

The Courier Bridal Expo

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Bridal Countdown Checklist

Wedding Countdown

Print out this list to check off as you go!

18-12 Months Before

- ♥ Announce your engagement
- ♥ Arrange for all the parents to meet, if they haven't already
- ♥ Set a date (have a backup in case everything is booked)
- ♥ Set and go over the budget (include everyone who will be paying)
- ♥ Interview wedding planners – if using one
- ♥ Pick the ceremony site and visit the officiant
- ♥ Work on a guest list with parents
- ♥ Visit reception sites and reserve one

6-9 Months Before

- ♥ Choose your wedding party
- ♥ Choose a caterer
- ♥ Enroll in a bridal gift registry
- ♥ Buy your gown & accessories
- ♥ Shop for attendants' dresses
- ♥ Hire a florist
- ♥ Book a photographer/videographer
- ♥ Choose a band or DJ

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2-3 Weeks Before

- ♥ Decide seating for dinner
- ♥ Confirm reservations with photographer, florist, etc.
- ♥ Call in dinner count
- ♥ Have a final dress fitting

1 Week Prior

- ♥ Schedule haircut for groom
- ♥ Place fees in envelopes for organist, minister and give to best man
- ♥ Designate a trustworthy friend to bring any heirlooms to and from the reception
- ♥ Get a manicure, pedicure, facial and or a massage
- ♥ Pack for the honeymoon – arrange for someone to bring luggage and going away outfits to the hall

The Day Before

- ♥ Greet out-of-town guests
- ♥ De-stress: go to the gym, take a walk, go to the movies with fiancé
- ♥ Enjoy the wedding rehearsal and dinner!

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4-6 Months Before

- ♥ Order wedding invitations, R.S.V.P. and thank-you cards and envelopes
- ♥ Shop and order the cake
- ♥ Arrange for out-of-town accommodation (tell hotel if you have a large group and you could receive a lower rate)
- ♥ Complete the wedding list

2-4 Months Before

- ♥ Contact the county clerk's office for marriage
- ♥ license and requirements
- ♥ Order tuxedos
- ♥ Get blood tests if necessary
- ♥ Make honeymoon reservations (don't forget about passports and visas)
- ♥ Decide on menu with caterer or hall manager
- ♥ Shop for wedding bands
- ♥ Finalize honeymoon plans
- ♥ Visit party rental shops for tables, chairs, decorations, etc . . .

4-8 Weeks Before

- ♥ Mail invitations eight weeks prior to wedding date
- ♥ Do a hair and makeup trial run with the veil
- ♥ Make appointment for hair and makeup for the morning of the wedding
- ♥ Update insurance information with fiancé from single to married status