

WEDDING ON A BUDGET CHECKLIST

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Wedding planning can be confusing and overwhelming for a first-time bride. It's a tough job. Even if you have a wedding planner to do most of the work for you, you still need to make some decisions on your own and this checklist will be helpful.

6-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Choose a wedding date & time
- ☐ Determine your guest list maximum as it impacts the budget
- ☐ Book the wedding location (yes, do it now)
- ☐ Confirm local hotels are nearby for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Book the reception location
- ☐ Book the official for the ceremony (Priest, Rabbi, Justice of the Peace, or Notary Public)
- ☐ Start shopping for a wedding dress
- ☐ Need to lose/gain weight? Start now.
- ☐ Choose your bridesmaids & Groomsmen

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Get/renew your passport if this is a destination wedding
- ☐ Apply for travel visas if appropriate
- ☐ Confirm if any vaccines are required
- ☐ Book the caterer
- ☐ Book your photographer
- ☐ Have the wedding party rent/order their attire
- ☐ Book the DJ & Music
- ☐ Book your florist
- ☐ Sign up for a gift registry
- ☐ Order/buy your rings

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Start your PreMarriage course
 - ☐ If the wedding & reception venues do not provide decoration & setup services, book these now
 - ☐ Finalize the guest list
 - ☐ Order wedding invitations
 - ☐ Book your Honeymoon
 - ☐ Plan the rehearsal
 - ☐ Purchase wedding bands
 - ☐ Rent/purchase the Bridal dress
 - ☐ Rent/purchase the Groom's Tux
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2 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Order the wedding cake
- ☐ Book the Limousine service
- ☐ Send out wedding invitations
- ☐ Buy a guest sign-in, book
- ☐ Select your Master of Ceremonies
- ☐ Draft the Wedding Agenda
- Select an event Liason who will know everything about the event and will run point for you.
- ☐ Have something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue
- ☐ Check-in with all the vendors for status updates
- ☐ Book your stylist
- ☐ Book your makeup artist
- ☐ Keep any early gifts or thank in a safe place

FINAL CHECK (DAYS BEFORE)

- ☐ Marriage license in hand
- ☐ Manicure/pedicure
- ☐ Go through the checklist one last time
- ☐ Get a good night's sleep
- ☐ Breathe

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Decide on the guest seating chart
- ☐ Confirm the final guest count with the caterers
- ☐ Confirm travel plans
- ☐ Final fittings for wedding party
- ☐ Make babysitting/pet sitting plans

MISCELLANEOUS

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