Wedding Planning Checklist

# 12 months prior to THE wedding day:

Book the venue and set date based on availability.

Determine budget and how expenses will be shared.

Hire a wedding planner

Draft the guest list based on your budget.

Discuss other intricate wedding matters like the size, style and color palette, location of the wedding and reception, and scope of the wedding you want.

# 8 to 10 months prior:

Sort out details of your wedding theme with your planner

Plan the food and bar menu and hire caterers.

Hire an excellent photographer and videographer

Make preparations for additional rentals.

Request time off work

Start sending invitations and save-the-date cards

# 6 to 8 months prior:

Order the wedding gown. The groom should also start shopping for the tuxedo.

Decide the entertainment and other ceremonial details.

Hire the florist

Meet with your officiant.

Choose the members of your wedding party.

Start planning ahead for your honeymoon. Book travel locations and tickets.

# 4 to 6 months prior:

Go for premarital counselling if you feel the need to.

Purchase wedding rings and other accessories.

Book venue for rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

Make reservations for your wedding night.

Check that all travel documents are in order.

Sign up for dance lessons.

# 3 months prior:

Start preparations for the wedding cake.

Schedule your bridal shower.

Get the transportation in order.

Hire an artistic calligrapher for the personalized envelopes, place cards and menus

Plan for your exit routes on the wedding day

# 2 months prior:

Write your wedding vows

Mail out invitations for the guests

Convey all the necessary information about the dates and details to the vendors for the last time.

Design the wedding program for the guests.

Get your fiancé a wedding present.

Book a make-up artist and go for a trial run.

# 1 month prior:

Apply for a marriage license

Go for the final fitting of dresses and tuxedos.

Purchase just-in-case items.

Track RSVPs.

Prepare a seating chart and name cards.

Take a 3-day holiday and celebrate your last days of being single

# 1 – 2 weeks prior:

Do a final review of the RSVPs and call guests who are yet to respond

. Confirm the availability of the videographer, DJ and photographer.

Get the last pre-wedding haircuts and color

# 1 – 2 days prior:

Make calls to confirm all arrangements are in place.

. Get the wedding dress pressed or steamed.

Write off all necessary checks.

# D-DAY

Wake up lovely and happy and prepare on time.

. Present each other with gifts.

Walk down the aisle.