

### *Ten to Twelve Months To Go*

- Announce the engagement.
- Set a tentative date. This may change based on the availability of the venue and other vendors.
- Work on filling out the budget sheet.
- Choose a wedding style, the approximate number of guests, location, time of day, etc. Start collecting inspiration and ideas from magazines, wedding websites and blogs. Also, start thinking about a color palette.
- Draft preliminary guest list.
- Book the venue. If the venue offers catering set up tasting appointments. Make sure the chef preparing the tasting will be the same at the wedding. Obtain any permits needed for venue.
- Select members for the bridal party. Discuss duties at ten months.
- Choose a caterer if the venue doesn't have one available. Don't forget the tasting!
- Decide on a ceremony site, and choose and reserve the officiant.
- Start dress shopping!
- Begin looking at vendors. Photographers, DJs, Bands, Videographer. Make lists of songs and must-have photos.
- Begin search for florist, rental companies, transportation, and the invitations.
- Start planning the honeymoon.
- Register for engagement gifts.
- Plan the engagement party.
- Consider setting up a wedding website.
- Look into hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Do research for marriage license.

### *Seven to Nine Months To Go*

- Start working on the wedding invitation design.
- Finalize guest list and gather addresses.
- Purchase the dress!
- Choose a Bridal Registry and register for wedding gifts.
- Decide on the food and liquor being served.
- Start shopping for groom's and groomsmen attire. Buy or rent? Schedule fittings and pick-up.
- Secure the Photographer, DJ, Videographer and any other vendors and put down a deposit.
- Finalize lists of must-have photos and songs to be played.
- Once the Photographer is nailed down, schedule an engagement session.
- Send pictures to the newspaper, if desired.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Shop for bridesmaids dresses.

### *Five to Six Months To Go*

- Finalize the wedding invitations and order. Send out the Save-The-Date cards.
- Design and order the place cards for the reception.
- Prepare maps and directions for the ceremony and the reception.
- Finalize flower arrangements for the ceremony, reception, bridal bouquet, and bridesmaids bouquets.
- Choose the music selections for the ceremony and the reception.
- Meet with or check in with all vendors to finalize any orders and reservations.

### *Five to Six Months To Go (Continued)*

- ❑ Order the wedding cake if the caterer does not provide one.

### *Three to Four Months To Go*

- ❑ Order wedding rings.
- ❑ Arrange for the final dress fitting.

### *Three to Four Months To Go (Continued)*

- ❑ Purchase a wedding guest book.
- ❑ Order bridal party gifts, wedding favors, champagne glasses, ring bearer pillow, cake knife, etc.

### *Two Months To Go*

- ❑ Address and mail the wedding invitations including maps and directions. Include information regarding guest accommodations.
- ❑ Find a makeup and hairstylist and have a trial run. Book and make appointments for bride and bridal party. Make sure the get hair done at least two months prior to the wedding.
- ❑ Make appointments for a manicure, pedicure, massage, spa treatments, etc.
- ❑ Finalize dates for any last-minute fittings.
- ❑ Purchase bridal party gifts and a gift for the groom.
- ❑ Schedule wedding ceremony rehearsal.

### *One Month To Go*

- ❑ Finalize and confirm all ceremony and reception plans.
- ❑ Finalize rehearsal dinner details.
- ❑ Go over song lists and requests with the band or DJ.
- ❑ Confirm when final payments need to be made to vendors.
- ❑ Draft a seating chart.

### *One Month To Go (Continued)*

- ❑ Find something borrowed, something old, something new, and something blue.
- ❑ Call all guests who have not responded.
- ❑ Have a "practice" session with the hairstylist and makeup artist.
- ❑ Start taking care of name changes, address changes, banking, etc.
- ❑ Buy a gift for the groom.
- ❑ Pick up the wedding rings.

### *Two to Three Weeks To Go*

- ❑ Write wedding vows.
- ❑ Give caterer the final guest count.
- ❑ Confirm arrangements for the honeymoon.
- ❑ Pack for the honeymoon.
- ❑ Take time for a facial, manicure/pedicure, and a massage.
- ❑ Deliver guest room gifts to the hotel.
- ❑ Make wedding day schedule, make copies, and distribute.
- ❑ Confirm all vendors and appointments.
- ❑ Arrange for the wedding gifts to be transferred to the home.

### *One to Two Days To Go*

- ❑ Get a manicure and pedicure.
- ❑ Rehearse the ceremony with the wedding party.
- ❑ Assemble bridal emergency kit.
- ❑ Fill out Vendor Contact List.
- ❑ Arrange for transportation after the reception.