

Wedding Checklist by WNC Bride

1 Year or More Ahead:

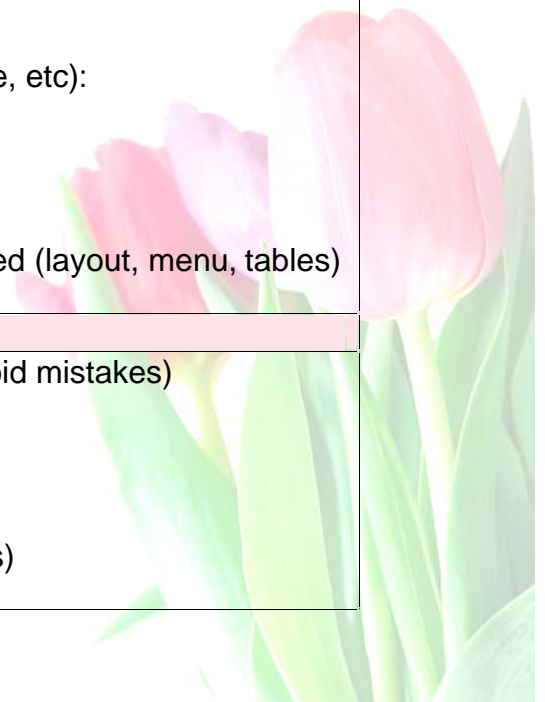
- Choose a date and set the time
Date: Time:
- Decide on the type of wedding you want to have (formal, informal, casual, etc)
Type of Wedding:
- Inform all close friends & family of date
- Start working on your guest list (See "Guest List Manager")
- Decide on a budget and determine who is contributing
Preliminary Budget Amount:
- Begin interviewing/meeting with officiants
 - Determine if pre-marital counseling is required
- Begin interviewing/meeting with wedding consultants
- Choose your attendants & let them know the wedding date
- Start thinking about ceremony/reception locations and visit possibilities
- Submit "Engagement" announcement to the local paper

8-10 Months Ahead:

- Choose a location for wedding & reception and book it
Ceremony Location: Reception Location:
Booked on:
- Decide on and book Rehearsal Dinner location & vendors
- Decide on color scheme
- Interview & Book the following: Keep copies of contracts & pmnts.
 - Caterer:
 - Cake Baker:
 - Decorations/Rentals (tents, tables, linens, etc):
 - Florist:
 - Photographer:
 - Videographer:
 - Musicians &/or DJ:
 - Transportation:
 - Other Special Services (ice sculptures, dove release, etc):
- Start looking at bridal gowns and bridesmaids dresses
- Finalize guest list; Number of guests:
- Start shopping for invitations (think about wording)
- Order "Save-the-Date" cards/magnets if desired
- Begin planning the reception; Determine what is needed (layout, menu, tables)

6-7 Months Ahead:

- Order Invitations (make sure to preview in order to avoid mistakes)
Ordered from:
- Book a calligrapher if desired
- Meet with vendors to finalize details
 - Caterer (menu items, servings)
 - Cake Baker (submit estimate for number of servings)
 - Decorations/Rentals



- Florist (see "Floral Checklist")
- Photographer & Videographer
- Music (selections)
- Other Services & Rentals
- Choose & order bridal gown and bridesmaids dresses
- Decide on bridal accessories (shoes, veil, jewelry, etc.)
- Decide on and book hair stylist for everyone
- Stylist: _____ Appointment Time: _____
- Send out "Save-the-Date" cards/magnets
- Start discussing ceremony structure & research customs and traditions
- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Plan and book your honeymoon
- Start compiling gift registry

4-5 Months Ahead:

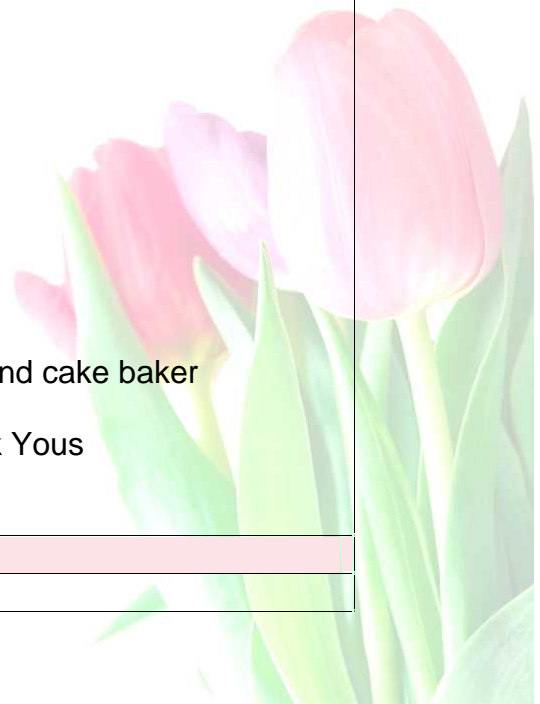
- Shop and reserve attire for groom, groomsmen, fathers, ushers, etc.
- Schedule time for bridal portraits if desired (may be needed for paper wedding announcement)
- Decide on wedding favors for guests and order
- Start dance lessons if desired
- Shop for wedding rings
- Choose wedding gifts for wedding party, family, etc.
- Have invitations addressed
- Make hair appointment for bridal portraits

2-3 Months Ahead:

- Mail out invitations (at least one month ahead of time)
- Send in wedding announcement to local paper
- Order wedding rings
- Purchase Rehearsal dinner attire
- Purchase extras needed in the wedding
 - Guest book & pen
 - Toasting glasses
 - Unity candle, other candles
 - Card Box
 - Aisle Runner
 - Decorations
 - Cake & Knife server
- Write vows and finalize ceremony structure
- Have Bridal Portraits taken
- Order program paper for ceremony if desired
- Discuss final menu options and servings with caterer and cake baker
- Obtain marriage license
- Start tracking gifts received as they arrive; Write Thank Yous
- Invite guests to bridal shower/groom's cookout

1 Month Ahead:

- Final fittings



- Have Bridal Shower/Groom's Cookout
- Notify caterer of final guest count
- Submit requests to musicians/DJs
- Try out makeup
- Compile favors
- Invite wedding party, family, and friends to Rehearsal Dinner
- Schedule time to have Bridal luncheon/tea
- Finalize ceremony/reception details
- Pick up wedding rings
- Get final pre-wedding haircut/color
- Confirm out-of-town guest details
- Compile packages for out-of-town guests

2 Weeks Ahead:

- Make appointment for manicure/pedicure
- Have bridesmaids luncheon/tea to give gifts
- For formal affairs, create seating charts
- Break in wedding shoes
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- Confirm plans with all vendors
- Finish and print wedding programs
- Attend any bachelor/bachelorette parties

1 Week Ahead:

- Pick up tuxes/dresses
- Assign wedding day duties to members of wedding party
- Pack for honeymoon
- Make arrangements for wedding items to be driven to location
- Shop for honeymoon needs

Day Before:

- Get manicure/pedicure
- Confirm transportation arrangements
- Prepare tip/payment envelopes for vendors and gift to responsible party
- Attend Rehearsal
 - Time of Rehearsal: _____ Location: _____
- Attend Rehearsal Dinner
 - Time of Rehearsal Dinner: _____ Location: _____
- Other: _____

Wedding Day:

- Make it to all appointments on time
- Get to the ceremony location in time for photos before guests arrive
- Relax!**

