Timetables

Nine to 12 Months Ahead

DEADLINE

- ❑ Determine the type of wedding you want, size and degree of formality, setting. _____
- ❑ Select a wedding date and time. _____
- ❑ Check with your officiant to determine pre-marital requirements and to reserve a date and time for the wedding and rehearsal. _____
- ❑ Set a tentative budget and decide how expenses will be shared. _____
- ❑ Determine the size of the guest list. _____
- ❑ Plan reception and book location. _____
- ❑ Select and book wedding consultant, photographer, caterer, videographer and entertainment. _____
- ❑ Choose ceremony music. _____
- ❑ Select and book transportation. _____
- ❑ Compile names and addresses for guest list. _____
- ❑ Select color scheme. _____
- ❑ Select wedding attendants and determine sizes. _____
- ❑ Choose your dress and headpiece. Schedule fittings and delivery date. _____
- ❑ Choose bridesmaids' dresses and accessories. _____
- ❑ Select a travel agent and start planning for your honeymoon. _____

Six to Nine Months Ahead

- ❑ Newspaper announces engagement. _____
- ❑ Make selections at bridal registries. _____
- ❑ Maintain records of gifts and send thank you notes. _____
- ❑ Select florist, balloonist and/or ice sculptor. _____
- ❑ Shop for wedding rings and men's attire. _____
- ❑ Reserve rental supplies. _____
- ❑ Look for accommodations for out-of-town guests. _____

Four to Six Months Ahead

DEADLINE

- ❑ Order invitations and related stationery. _____
- ❑ Complete guest list. _____
- ❑ Help both mothers select and coordinate their dresses. _____
- ❑ Ensure bridal attire is ordered.
- ❑ Shop for trousseau. _____
- ❑ Check blood test and marriage license requirements. _____
- ❑ Select baker and order wedding cake, groom's cake and mints. _____
- ❑ Order favors. _____

Two to Three Months Ahead

- ❑ Select and reserve men's attire. _____
- ❑ Address invitations and announcements. _____
- ❑ Mail out-of-town invitations. _____
- ❑ Purchase accessories such as toasting goblets, cake knives and servers, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc. _____
- ❑ Get hair permed or colored. _____
- ❑ Order personalized labels. _____
- ❑ Confirm ceremony details. _____
- ❑ Plan attendants' parties. _____
- ❑ Reserve beverage caterer. _____
- ❑ Make wedding day appointment with hairdresser. _____
- ❑ Book accommodations for out-of-town guests. _____
- ❑ Finalize honeymoon plans. _____
- ❑ Apply for passports. _____

One Month Ahead

- ❑ Draw map to ceremony and reception sites for guests. _____
- ❑ Get blood test and marriage license. _____
- ❑ Final dress fitting. _____
- ❑ Formal bridal portrait taken. _____
- ❑ Final fitting for attendants. _____
- ❑ Purchase gifts for participants and fiancé. _____
- ❑ Complete trousseau shopping.
- ❑ Have attendants' parties. _____
- ❑ Finalize rehearsal dinner details. _____
- ❑ Address and mail local invitations. _____
- ❑ Finalize beverage, rental details and order liquor. _____
- ❑ Arrange for gown, bouquet and/or cake preservation. _____

Two Weeks Ahead

DEADLINE

- ❑ Finish addressing announcements. _____
- ❑ Contact guests who have not responded. _____
- ❑ Pick up wedding rings. _____
- ❑ Meet with photographer, videographer and entertainer. _____
- ❑ Continue writing thank you notes for gifts received. _____

One Week Ahead

- ❑ Provide caterer with the total guest count and confirm all details.
- ❑ Review details and timetables with all vendors. _____
- ❑ Plan seating arrangements. _____
- ❑ Pick up tickets and travelers checks for honeymoon. _____
- ❑ Assign tasks to wedding party.
- ❑ Practice applying makeup and styling your hair. _____
- ❑ Pick up attire and check fit. _____
- ❑ Pack for honeymoon. _____
- ❑ Rehearse ceremony. _____
- ❑ Attend rehearsal dinner. _____
- ❑ Finalize transportation, floral and cake details. _____
- ❑ Give officiant's fee to best man. _____

Your Wedding Day

❑ See Page 103.

After the Wedding

- ❑ Have gown cleaned or items preserved. _____
- ❑ Write & mail thank you notes. _____
- ❑ Take care of business, banking insurance and legal affairs. _____