Wedding Planning Checklist

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Announce your engagement to family and friends.
- [ ] Print this Wedding Planner and create a binder to keep everything organized in one place.
- [ ] Set the wedding date.
- [ ] Pick a location for your wedding.
- [ ] Set your wedding budget and divide the costs.
- [ ] Hire a photographer for your engagement photos (optional).
- [ ] Plan your engagement party. Choose your location, date and guest list, catering and drinks.
- [ ] Hire a wedding planner (optional).
- [ ] Get Inspired! Visit Pinterest, wedding blogs and start collecting wedding ideas.
- [ ] Choose a wedding theme, style and colour scheme.
- [ ] Create an initial guest list and organize address, consult with parents about the guest list.

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Choose your wedding party (MOH, best men, bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl, ring bearer).
- [ ] Start searching for your wedding dress.
- [ ] Start thinking about bridesmaids dress and flower girl dress.
- [ ] Research and book rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception venues.
- [ ] Sample food and select a caterer, if the venue doesn't offer this.
- [ ] Select an officiant.
- [ ] Book a band or DJ for ceremony and reception and send them a song list.
- [ ] Hire a Photographer and/or Videographer.
- [ ] Plan a honeymoon.

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Order your wedding dress.
- [ ] Order groom's attire.
- [ ] Order attire for bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl and ring bearer.
- [ ] Finalize your guest lists (collect phone number and mail address if you want to send an electronic save the date).
- [ ] Send out Save the dates. Send an electronic invitation via email/ phone to save time and money, 6 months in advance for local weddings, and 8months for destination weddings.
- [ ] Book and meet your florist to plan bouquets, centrepieces, etc..
- [ ] Order the cake.
- [ ] Book your ideal honeymoon accommodation and flight.
- [ ] Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- [ ] Create a registry for wedding gifts from a few retailers.
- [ ] Finalize your ceremony order and legal documents with officiant.
- [ ] Reserve any rentals you may need (chairs, tents, linens, lighting, sound system, etc..)

3-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Order and mail your wedding invitations.
- [ ] Purchase other wedding stationary you may need, such us thank you notes, menus, place cards, etc..
- [ ] Arrange wedding day transportation.
- [ ] Research and reserve a hair and makeup trial.
- [ ] Organize legal documents needed for marriage license and honeymoon, such us passports, birth certificates, etc..
- [ ] Finalize the menu and flowers.
- [ ] Order wedding favours.
- [ ] Buy the rings.
- [ ] Finalize ceremony readings.
- [ ] Finalize timeline of your ceremony and reception.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Update your guest list with all RSVP's you have received.
- [ ] Follow up with any guests you haven't heard from yet.
- [ ] Meet with photographer and videographer to discuss shots.
- [ ] Call all vendors and venue to confirm bookings and appointments.
- [ ] Enjoy your bridal shower this month.
- [ ] Have your final dress fitting.
- [ ] Get your marriage license.
- [ ] Purchase a special gift for your wedding party, for the groom and your parents as a special thank you.
- [ ] Finalize wedding vows and readings with your officiant.
- [ ] Send rehearsal dinner invitations.
- [ ] Begin seating plan and order place cards.

1 MONTH BEFORE

- [ ] Send final guest count to caterers and update meal preferences.
- [ ] Pick up wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses.
- [ ] Pickup Grooms suit.
- [ ] Pick up your wedding rings and make sure they fit.
- [ ] Reconfirm delivery details for cake, flowers and rentals.
- [ ] Have final meeting with officiant, photographer and videographer.
- [ ] Pack an emergency kit for the wedding day.
- [ ] Confirm honeymoon bookings.
- [ ] Have your bachelor and bachelorette parties.

WEDDING WEEK

- [ ] Send timeline to the wedding party.
- [ ] Pack bags for your honeymoon.
- [ ] Have a manicure and pedicure.
- [ ] Deliver decorations, favours, place cards, guest book and any other items to the reception venue.
- [ ] Have a wedding rehearsal with the wedding party, followed by a rehearsal dinner.

THE DAY BEFORE

- [ ] Check the weather forecast. Confirm final contingency plans in case of rain.
- [ ] Pack the car with your overnight bag and honeymoon luggage.
- [ ] Have some extra money on hand for any unexpected expenses on the day.
- [ ] Get a good night's sleep.
- [ ] Congratulations, you made it!

