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P H O T O G R A P H Y

9 - 12 MONTHS

- Announce Engagement
- Select Wedding Date
- Hire wedding consultant/coordinator
- Determine type of wedding: location, theme, # of guests, formality, time of day
- Determine budget and how expenses will be shared
- Buy a binder to keep track of appointments & events
- Develop a record keeping system for payments
- Create an approximate number guest list
- Decide if you will be inviting children or not
- Select & reserve ceremony site
- Select & book photographer
- Set a date for your engagement shoot
- Select & book reception location
- Select & order bridal gown
- Determine color scheme
- Obtain passports, visas,

6-9 MONTHS

- Select & book caterer
- Take engagement pictures
- Order Save the Dates
- Give wedding party a list of their responsibilities
- Select & buy attire for bridesmaids and flower girl
- Select & buy attire for mothers of the bride & groom
- Select & book ceremony musicians
- Select & book live band or DJ for reception
- Select & book videographer
- Select & book florist
- Register for your wedding gifts

4-6 MONTHS

- Schedule fittings for custom made bridesmaids
- Arrange marriage prep-courses, if necessary
- Reserve rental items
- Select & book decorator
- Finalize an A & B list of guests
- Select & order invitations & other wedding stationery
- Set date, time & location for rehearsal dinner
- Select & book wedding night suite
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Start planning your honeymoon
- Shop for your wedding gifts to each other
- Shop for your wedding gifts for your wedding party
- Shop for your wedding gifts for your parents
- Buy shoes, lingerie & accessories for the bride
- Buy shoes & accessories for the bridesmaids
- Select & order wedding bands

2-4 MONTHS

- Select & order wedding cake
- Order party favors
- Select & order decorations
- Purchase honeymoon attire & luggage
- Select & book wedding day transportation
- Start addressing your invitations
- Plan activities for out-of-town guests
- Go on trials & book wedding day hair & makeup
- Send out your invitations
- Select ceremony readers
- Select ushers to seat your guests
- Select guest book attendant
- Select your MC
- Mail invitations to shower

6-8 WEEKS

- Record RSVPs & early wedding gifts
- Record shower gifts & send thank-yous
- Purchase ceremony & reception accessories: guest book, toasting glasses, ring pillow, etc.
- Select & reserve groomsmen's wedding attire
- Mail invitations to rehearsal dinner
- Plan bridesmaid luncheon
- Select something old, new, borrowed, blue

2-6 WEEKS

- Finalize all food & beverages for wedding
- Finalize all ceremony details with Officiant
- Finalize all rehearsal arrangements
- Finalize all floral arrangements
- Final fittings for yourself & bridesmaids
- Make a wedding day itinerary & give a copy to your wedding party & vendors
- Send vendor/detail information to photographer
- Decide order of receiving line & head table setting
- Contact guests who haven't replied
- Pick up wedding rings
- Visit reception site for floor plan & create reception seating plan
- Give musicians a list of your music selections
- Inform attendants when & where to pick up attire
- Print out seating cards

1 WEEK

- Give caterer/reception venue final tally of guests
- Pack for your honeymoon
- Wrap reception favors
- Finalize timeline with photographer

REHEARSAL DINNER

- Drop all wedding accessories & decor off at ceremony & reception locations
- Make sure you bring all gifts that will be handed out at dinner
- Make sure you have all final payments in envelopes for wedding day
- Pack over night bag for wedding suite
- Make sure wedding party has their itinerary
- Make sure the gentlemen have the right color socks
 Review VIP seating with ushers at ceremony location

WEDDING DAY!

- Eat breakfast
- Pack anything remaining on your "To Bring" list in cars
- Make sure Maid of Honor & Best Man
- Make sure you have your marriage
- Put your engagement ring on your right hand
- Remember to take a moment to enjoy the day

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