

# Wedding Planning Timeline

This playbook outlines the sequential steps to develop a comprehensive timeline for planning a wedding, from the post-engagement phase to the day of the event. It serves as a guide to ensure all critical tasks are completed in an orderly fashion.

## Step 1: **Engagement Announcement**

Announce your engagement to family, friends, and social networks. Consider hosting an engagement party to celebrate the occasion.

## Step 2: **Vision Discussion**

Have a discussion with your partner about your wedding vision, including the scale, style, location, and what each of you values most for the event.

## Step 3: **Budget Planning**

Create a detailed budget that accounts for all potential expenses. Factor in contributions from family, savings, and other financial resources.

## Step 4: **Guest List Draft**

Draft an initial guest list. Begin with immediate family and close friends before expanding to other relatives, friends, and acquaintances.

## Step 5: **Date and Venue**

Decide on a wedding date or range of dates. Research and visit potential venues, and book your preferred venue as this will help solidify the date.

## Step 6: **Vendors Research**

Research and start booking key vendors, such as photographers, caterers, florists, musicians, and wedding planners if desired.

## Step 7: **Wedding Attire**

Begin shopping for wedding attire, including bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, groom and groomsmen suits. Schedule fittings and place orders.

## Step 8: **Invitation Design**

Design and order wedding invitations. Consider your theme and color scheme, and remember to include all the necessary details for your guests.

## Step 9: **Registry Creation**

Create a wedding registry at selected stores or websites. Choose items that reflect your lifestyle and future needs as a married couple.

## Step 10: **Logistics Planning**

Plan the logistics for the wedding day including transportation, accommodation for guests, and a schedule of events for the ceremony and reception.

## Step 11: **Final Review**

Do a final review of all plans and timelines several weeks before the wedding. Confirm with vendors, participants, and guests to ensure everything is on track.

## Step 12: **Event Execution**

Execute the plan on the wedding day, coordinating with vendors, managing timelines, and ensuring that all elements come together smoothly.

# General Notes

## **Flexibility**

Be prepared for changes and maintain flexibility throughout your planning. Some details might evolve as certain elements come into clearer focus.

## **Contingency Plan**

Develop a contingency plan for unexpected events, such as weather issues or vendor cancellations, to ensure the wedding can proceed smoothly.

## **Self-Care**

Remember to take care of yourself and your relationship during this busy time. Wedding planning can be stressful, so prioritize your well-being and the health of your partnership.