

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.