

Countdown To Your Day

We have compiled the following checklist to help maintain your sanity, keep everything running smoothly and so you don't forget anything.

6-12 Months Ahead

- Decide on budget and theme of wedding
- Set the date, venue and time of wedding
- Prepare guest list
- Book reception venue
- Choose caterers if not supplied
- Book musicians and select music
- Book photographer
- Book florist - decide on colour scheme
- Order transport
- Begin looking for gown and accessories
- Decide on clergyman, celebrant or registry office
- Choose attendants
- Decide where to go on honeymoon
- Decide where to live
- Start looking for wedding rings
- Look at hotel suite for first night
- Begin beauty and fitness plan - indulge!
- Arrange passports
- Order stationery

3-6 Months Ahead

- Send invitations
- Decide on menu and wine list
- Shop for lingerie and honeymoon clothes
- Arrange where attendants will dress
- Organise accommodation for out of town guests
- Compile gift register
- Have church rehearsal
- Start writing speech
- Order cake
- Inoculation for overseas travel
- Mothers' and attendants choose dresses
- Book grooms, best man and ushers outfits
- Decide on hair and make-up artist
- Complete notice of Intended Marriage which must be in the hands of the person conducting your wedding at least one month and one day prior to your wedding

1 Month Ahead

- Finalise guest acceptances
- Buy cake boxes
- Gown fitting

- Attendants fitting
- Book hairdresser taking along hair piece
- Bridesmaid luncheon
- Keep going with beauty plan
- Write vows and show celebrant, clergyman
- Engrave rings
- Check on flowers
- Prepare speeches and rehearse
- Practice bridal waltz
- Organise bomboniere
- Organise hens and bucks nights
- Buy attendants gifts
- Buy travellers cheques if going overseas for honeymoon

2 Weeks Ahead

- Wear in shoes
- Try on gown with accessories including groom and attendants
- Check place cards and order of seating
- Check wedding party are familiar with arrangements
- Organise press announcements
- Confirm menu, florist, caterer, car hire, photographer, hair and makeup artist, cake, table decorations, music, honeymoon reservations
- Organise name change at bank
- Church rehearsal
- Pick up rings
- Confirm speeches and order of events with MC
- Have trial of make-up

1 Week Ahead

- Collect hire suit
- Pack for honeymoon
- Check complete outfit
- Confirm transport for wedding party
- Have massage
- Decide who will return hire items

The Day Before

- Pamper yourself and relax
- Layout clothes
- Have final manicure