Wedding Checklist

From "yes" to "I do": a month-by-month plan. Tick as you go.

Wedding date _____ Budget _____

12+ months before

- [ ] Set the budget together
- [ ] Draft the guest list
- [ ] Choose the date and season
- [ ] Book the venue
- [ ] Book the officiant
- [ ] Start a wedding folder

9–11 months before

- [ ] Book photographer / videographer
- [ ] Book caterer (if not the venue)
- [ ] Choose the wedding party
- [ ] Shop for the dress / suit
- [ ] Book band or DJ
- [ ] Reserve a hotel room block

6–8 months before

- [ ] Send save-the-dates
- [ ] Book florist
- [ ] Order the cake / tasting
- [ ] Plan the honeymoon
- [ ] Book hair and makeup
- [ ] Set up the gift registry

4–5 months before

- [ ] Order invitations
- [ ] Book transportation
- [ ] Choose and order the rings
- [ ] Plan the rehearsal dinner
- [ ] Buy wedding party gifts
- [ ] _____

Vendor	Name / company	Phone / email	Booked
Venue			☐
Officiant			☐
Photographer			☐
Caterer			☐
Florist			☐
Music / DJ			☐
Cake			☐
Hair & makeup			☐

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The final months, the last week and the big day.

2–3 months before

- [ ] Mail the invitations
- [ ] Final dress / suit fittings
- [ ] Write vows
- [ ] Confirm vendors and timings
- [ ] Apply for the marriage license
- [ ] Buy shoes and accessories

1 week before

- [ ] Confirm all vendors again
- [ ] Pay final balances
- [ ] Pack for the honeymoon
- [ ] Prepare tip envelopes
- [ ] Hand off the day-of timeline
- [ ]

1 month before

- [ ] Chase missing RSVPs
- [ ] Make the seating chart
- [ ] Give final numbers to caterer
- [ ] Write the day-of timeline
- [ ] Break in your shoes
- [ ]

The day / after

- [ ] Eat breakfast
- [ ] Rings and license with someone trusted
- [ ] Emergency kit (pins, plasters)
- [ ] Return rentals
- [ ] Send thank-you cards
- [ ] Change name / documents if needed

Day-of timeline & notes

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