

Wedding Timeline

10-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Select a wedding planner or date book
- Talk with your fiancé & all parents about budget & theme-which includes everything from colors to cake.
- Decide on the ceremony & reception sites & reserve both
- Start shopping for your dress
- Choose your attendants
- Start booking consultants, caterers, bakers, photographer, videographer, florist & musicians

7-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- With fiance visit your officiant or justice of the peace
- Choose & order your dress & accessories
- Register for gifts
- Begin putting together your guest list & have your fiancé start his
- Start consulting your travel agent about your honeymoon

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Plan the details with all wedding professionals (caterers, florist, photographer)
- Book calligrapher, portrait photographer, & limousines, horse carriage for the wedding party
- Order all wedding invitations & announcements
- Shop for bridesmaid dresses
- Discuss & schedule the rehearsal dinner with your fiancé
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- If necessary, secure rentals for tables, chairs, linens, etc
- Complete your honeymoon plans & make reservations
- Have fiancé shop for tuxedos & suits

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize the guest list
- Make appointment for first dress fitting
- Order the wedding rings
- Shop for honeymoon & lingerie clothes
- Check state requirements for blood testsv
- Make your first appointment with your hairstylist



6-8 WEEKS BEFORE

- Mail Invitations
- Have programs printed
- Shop for a guest book
- Buy your fiance's wedding gift
- Choose gifts for all attendants
- Have the final dress & headpiece fitting
- Have your portrait taken
- Pick up the rings
- Plan your bridesmaid party
- Write thank-you notes as you receive gifts
- Send your announcement to the newspapers
- If moving, arrange to transport belongings

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Make copies of ceremony readings...write your vows
- Get the marriage license with your fiancé
- Submit request lists to the photographer, videographer & musician
- Arrange the seating plan
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Address your announcements to mail on the wedding day
- Write toasts for the rehearsal dinner & reception

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Pick up your dress
- Pack for Honeymoon; get your going-away outfit ready
- Check with your bank about using your ATM card at your honeymoon location
- Give the final guest count to your caterer
- Check final details with all wedding professionals
- Give the bridesmaid's party
- Keep up with all thank-you notes
- Remind all attendants of the rehearsal details

DAY BEFORE

- Treat yourself & mom to manicure & pedicure
- Place a "touch base" call to the wedding professionals
- Hold the rehearsal & the rehearsal dinner
- GO TO BED EARLY!

DAY OF WEDDING

- Eat breakfast-very important!
- Drop announcements in the mail
- Meet the girls early...hair & make-up ready...get dressed!
- ENJOY — IT'S YOUR BIG DAY!

Most of All ~
Enjoy the Process & the Wonderful People.