

The complete Wedding planning checklist

Welcome to your interactive wedding planning checklist! This guide is your digital companion, designed to support you at every step of your journey. You can digitally tick boxes as you navigate through the planning process, from initial brainstorming to post-wedding celebrations.

First steps - 12+ months before wedding

Decide on your overall wedding theme to ensure everything from your engagement photos to your reception matches. Try our illustrated guide below if you want a hand finding the right theme for you!

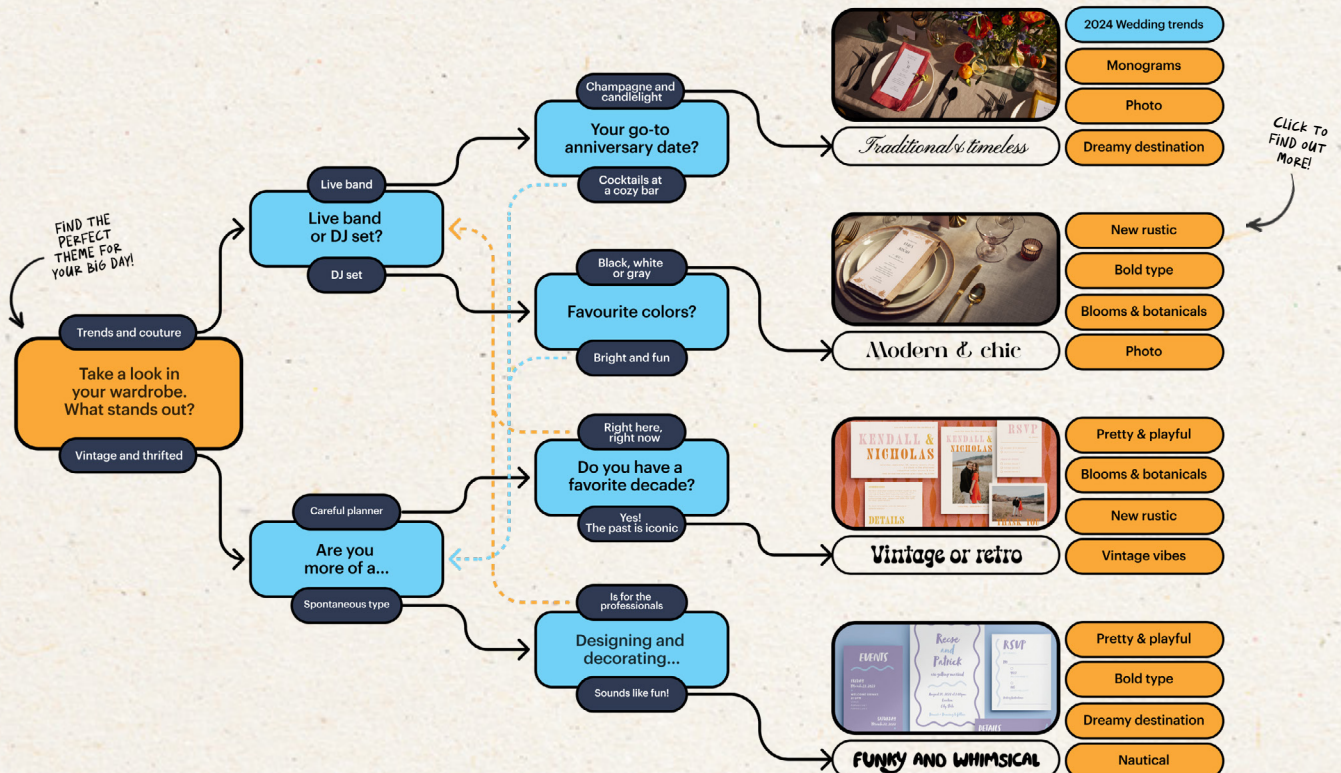
Establish your budget.

Create an initial guest list for booking venues.

Choose a general location, season and timeline (close to home vs abroad, single-day vs multi-day event, summer vs spring).

Select your organizational tools for keeping track of bookings, budget, guests etc.

Find the perfect theme



Early planning - 12 months before wedding

12th month

Announce your engagement, take engagement photos and plan an engagement party.

Pick your wedding date and research ceremony and reception venues.

Choose your wedding party.

Compose your guest list.

Explore wedding insurance options and decide if it's necessary.

11th month

Book your ceremony and reception venues and lock in the wedding date.

Finalize your guest list and gather addresses for invitations.

Touch base with non-negotiable guests.

Research essential vendors:

Caterer

Florist

Photographer

DJ/band

Videographer

Schedule tastings with potential caterers.

Make appointments at wedding shops and invite your wedding party.

Order and send [engagement party invitations](#) if desired.

10th month

Purchase your wedding attire and arrange fittings.

Research accommodation and day of transportation.

Book your essential vendors (from Month 11).

Set up a [wedding website](#) (for all information and RSVPs).

9th month

Determine any additional events surrounding the wedding, such as rehearsal, welcome party, after party, day after brunch etc.

Request and [review invitation samples together](#).

Design and order [save-the-date cards](#).

Choose your wedding officiant.

Send out save-the-date cards.



8th month

- Book the rehearsal dinner venue.
- Purchase ceremony decorations.
- Choose attire for your wedding party and schedule fittings.

7th month

- Start thinking about where you'd like to honeymoon.
- Create a registry for gifts.
- Start planning the bachelor and bachelorette party (or nominate someone to plan for you).

In the swing of it - 6 months before wedding

6th month

- Research hair and makeup services.
- Design and order [invitations](#) and related items.
- Finalize catering menu and cake choices.

5th month

- Finalize honeymoon plans and book.
- Start planning a wedding shower party.
- Shop and purchase your wedding rings.
- Send wedding invitations.

4th month

- Schedule hair and makeup trials.
- Finalize the ceremony program.
- Book wedding shower venue.
- Send [invitations](#) for wedding shower



Fine-tuning - 3 months before wedding

3rd month

Prepare for your first dance, book dance lessons if needed.

Plan wedding toasts/speeches.

Purchase wedding favors and party gifts.

Book a photo booth.

Order [Menu Cards](#).

Write your vows and choose ceremony readings.

Start on DIY items and personalized details for the ceremony and reception if needed.

Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd.

2nd month

Send [rehearsal dinner invitations](#).

Give the final count to the caterer.

Design and [order seating chart](#) and [escort cards](#).

Obtain the marriage license.

Finalize floral arrangements.

Send playlists/songs to the DJ/ band.

Review ceremony details with your officiant.

Design and order [wedding programs](#) and [wedding signs](#).

Create a day-of timeline outlining the schedule for the wedding day (including hair and makeup appointments, ceremony start time, reception timeline, etc.) and send to your vendors, officiant and wedding party.



Final touches - last month before wedding

Last month

Send your shot list to your photographer.

Prep DIY items and day-of touches.

Call vendors to confirm date, times, location and day-of point of contact.

Assemble gift bags.

Finalize final vendor payments and create envelopes with cash tips for day-of gratuities.

Conduct a final venue walk-through and finalize set-up details.

Final wedding attire fitting.

Designate someone responsible for handling any last-minute details or issues that may arise on the wedding day.

Assign someone the responsibility of managing the return of rented items.

Practice your vows.

Start packing for your honeymoon.

The night before your wedding:

Pack personal items.

Prepare the car and have the wedding attire steamed.

Attend wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

Exchange notes with each other and express gratitude.

Take a deep breath, you got this!

Wedding day:

Give wedding rings and officiant fee to your nominated person.

Enjoy and soak in every moment.

Post Wedding

Celebrate your love and the start of your new life together as a married couple.

Make sure all rental items have been returned.

Review and organize wedding photos and videos (and order a [photo book](#) if you like!).

Review wedding vendors.

Order and send [thank-you cards](#).

Preserve any sentimental items from the wedding day, such as the bouquet or wedding attire.

Enjoy your new life together