

## Bride's Checklist

### 9-12 Months

- Announce Engagement
- Select Wedding Date
- Hire wedding consultant/coordinator
- Determine type of wedding: location, theme, # of guests, formality, time of day
- Determine budget & how expenses will be shared
- Buy a day timer to keep track of appointments & events
- Develop a record keeping system for payments
- Create an approximate # guest list
- Decide if you will be inviting children or not
- Select and reserve ceremony site
- Select and book Officiate/Priest/Minister/Rabbi
- Select and book reception location
- Select and order bridal gown
- Determine colour scheme
- If ceremony or reception is at a home, arrange for any home improvements
- Obtain, passports, visas, birth certificates, any documents need for travel and/or marriage licenses

### 6-9 Months

- Select and book caterer, if needed
- Select and book photographer
- Select wedding party
- Give wedding party a list of their responsibilities
- Select and buy attire or bridesmaids & flower girl
- Select and buy attire for mothers of the bride and groom

- Select and book ceremony musicians
- Select and book live band or DJ for reception
- Select and book ideography
- Select and book florist
- Register for your wedding gifts (this can be done sooner)

## 4-6 Months

- Schedule fittings for custom made bridesmaids gowns
- Arrange marriage prep-courses, if necessary
- Reserve rental items
- Select and book decorator
- Finalize an A and B list of guests
- Select and order invitations and other wedding stationary
- Set date, time and location for rehearsal dinner
- Select and book honeymoon night suite
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Start planning your honeymoon
- Shop for your wedding gifts to each other
- Shop for your wedding gifts to your wedding party
- Shop for your wedding gifts to your parents
- Buy shoes, lingerie and accessories for the bride
- Buy shoes and accessories for the bridesmaids
- Select and order wedding bands

## 2-4 Months

- Take formal engagement picture
- Select and order wedding cake
- Order party favours / bombonniere

Select and order decorations

Purchase honeymoon attire and luggage

Select and book wedding day transportation

Start addressing your invitations

Plan activities for out-of-town guests (optional)

Go on trials and book wedding day hair and makeup. Bring your headpiece and wear a white shirt

Obtain marriage license (expires in 3 months)

Send out your invitations

Select ceremony readers

Select ushers to seat your guests

Select guest book attendant

Select your MC

Mail invitations to shower

Get photography permit, if needed

## 6-8 Weeks

Maintain a record of RSVP's and early wedding gifts

Maintain a record of shower gifts and send thank you's

Purchase all ceremony and reception accessories: guest book, toasting glasses, garter, ring pillow, etc.

Select and reserve wedding attire for all gentlemen

Mail invitations to rehearsal dinner

Plan bridesmaid luncheon

Select your something old, new, borrowed, blue

## 2-6 Weeks

Finalize all food and beverages for wedding

Finalize all ceremony details with Officiate

Finalize all rehearsal arrangements

Finalize all floral arrangements

Final fittings for yourself and bridesmaids

Make a wedding day itinerary

Give a copy of the itinerary to your wedding party and vendors

Finalize all details with all your vendors

Decide order of receiving line and head table setting

Contact guest that haven't replied

Pick up wedding rings

Give photographer a photo checklist

Visit reception site for floor plan

Create reception seating plan

Give musicians a list of your music selection

Inform attendants when and where to pick up attire

Determine VIP seating for ceremony seating

Print out seating cards

Pick up honeymoon tickets

## 1 Week

Give caterer/reception venue final tally of guests

Pack for your honeymoon

Wrap reception flavours/bombonniere

Arrange mail collection while you are on honeymoon

## Day of Rehearsal Dinner

Drop all wedding accessories and decor off at ceremony and reception locations

Make sure you bring all gifts that will be handed out at dinner

Make sure you have all final payments in envelopes for wedding day

Pack over night bag for honeymoon suite

Make sure wedding party has their itinerary

Make sure gentlemen have black socks

Go to church for rehearsal

Review VIP seating with ushers at ceremony location

## Wedding Day

Most of the details will be on your wedding day itinerary

Eat breakfast

Pack anything remaining on your "To Bring" list in cars

Make sure Maid of Honour has groom's ring and Best Man has bride's ring

Make sure you have your marriage license, photo permit and Special Occasions Permit, if needed

Put your engagement ring on your right hand

Use your wedding day itinerary to get you through the day on some sort of trouble

**Remember to look around and soak in the views of the day you planned so long and hard for.**

**You Are Truly Beautiful – Enjoy!!**