



“Destin”ation Wedding Planning Checklist

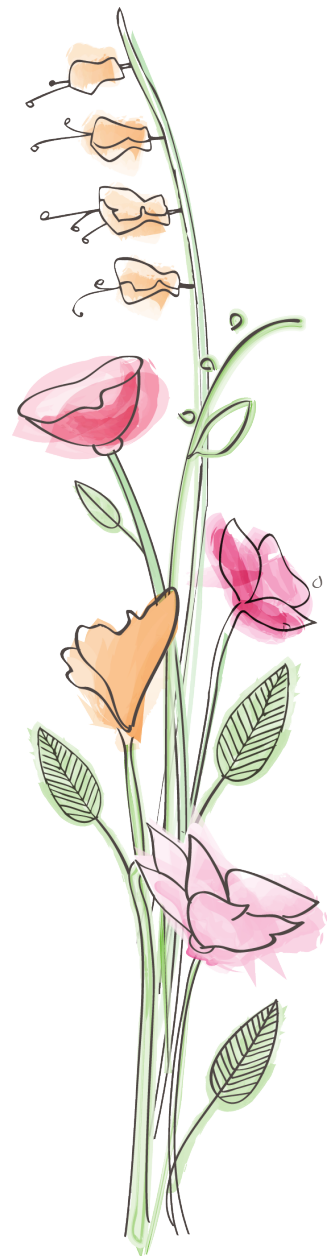
The following checklist is designed with the (ideal) timetable of twelve months. If you're planning your wedding on a shorter schedule, just start at the beginning of the list and try to catch up as

9 TO 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Arrange a gathering for you and your parents.
- ☐ Determine budget and how expenses will be shared.
- ☐ Discuss the size, style, location, and scope of the wedding you want. Get inspired!
- ☐ Choose a target wedding date and time. (The actual date will depend on venue availability.)
- ☐ Create a binder to store and organize your ideas, worksheets, receipts, brochures, etc.
- ☐ Hire a wedding planner to help you find your venue and wedding/reception services and make your wish list of services with her planning guide.
- ☐ Start compiling your guest list to estimate head count. Consider budget when

6 TO 9 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Choose the members of your wedding party.
- ☐ Enroll in wedding/shower gift registries.
- ☐ Have a phone chat with your wedding planner to make updates to your wedding proposal. Retain services that you know you want to book.
- ☐ Book an engagement photo session, especially if you plan to include a professional engagement picture with Save-the-Date cards.
- ☐ Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests. (Ask about group rates.)
- ☐ Send out Save-the-Date cards. (Include lodging information and maps, etc.)
- ☐ Shop for wedding rings.



6 TO 9 MONTHS PRIOR (CONT.)

- ☐ Select and order wedding gown, leaving ample time for delivery and alterations.
- ☐ Shop for bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon.

4 TO 6 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Finalize the guest list.
- ☐ Order invitations (25 extra) and other wedding stationery (i.e., place cards and thank you notes).
- ☐ Finalize all travel plans. .
- ☐ Check in with your wedding planner. Start finalizing the details of your wedding/reception services.
- ☐ Plan the rehearsal dinner.

2 TO 4 MONTHS PRIOR

- ☐ Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen.
- ☐ Finalize details with wedding planner
- ☐ Order your wedding rings.
- ☐ Book a hotel room for the wedding night.
- ☐ Send out your invitations.
- ☐ Start completing your wedding ceremony and reception preference sheets
- ☐ If you plan to write your own vows, start writing them now.

4 TO 8 WEEKS PRIOR

- ☐ Approve your proposal and sign agreement
- ☐ Finish your inventory list of what décor and items you will be bringing
- ☐ Confirm all transportation plans.

2 TO 4 WEEKS PRIOR

- ☐ Work on seating arrangements for the reception.
- ☐ Finalize arrangements for out of town attendants and guests.
- ☐ Make final payments.
- ☐ Have final fitting for bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses.
- ☐ Write your rehearsal dinner toast.
- ☐ Purchase gifts for the wedding attendants.
- ☐ Compile a list of all of the wedding vendors and wedding party, with contact information. Send this to your wedding planner and carry this list with you everywhere you go (just in case).
- ☐ Communicate rehearsal dinner details to those who will attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

1 WEEK PRIOR

- ☐ Make your packing list
- ☐ Print up your check in information to keep with your travel documents
- ☐ Appoint a person to bring important items (cake knife, toasting glasses, etc.) to the reception.
- ☐ Review final details for those in the wedding party.
- ☐ Get final beauty treatments (manicure, facial, massage, waxing, brow shaping, etc.)

WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO FLORIDA

- ☐ Do your phone check in with your wedding planner
- ☐ Gather together the following:
 - something old (symbolizing continuity with family and heritage).
 - something new (symbolizing optimism and hope for the new life ahead).
 - something borrowed (an item from a happily married friend or family member).
 - something blue (symbolizing love and fidelity).
- ☐ Try to get some rest.

WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Relax and remain calm.
- ☐ Remember to eat something.
- ☐ Allow at least two hours for getting dressed.
- ☐ ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

