



Congratulations! You have just made the most important decision of a lifetime and we want to wish you the very best as you begin the journey to making your dream wedding come true for you and your new fiancé. This guide has been carefully put together to give you the steps necessary and a timeline to accomplish your special day.

At Kimble's we can provide you with an expert Wedding Planner to handle even the tiniest details. Our professional staff has handles over 500 weddings, facilitating everything from the ceremony to the beautiful limo to go away in...so don't let the stress of all these details make you crazy, put everything in our hands and enjoy this special time! Remember Kimble's Events by Design can handle it all!

The Wedding Countdown

Get to "I DO" with your sanity intact by following our 12-month checklist.

12 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Announce your engagement.
- Arrange for both sets of parents to meet if they haven't already met.
- Decide on a date.
- Go over the budget (include both sets of parents if they'll be paying for any portion of the event).
- Interview Wedding Planners, if you choose to use one.
- Pick the ceremony site and visit the officiant.
- Work on the guest list to get a rough head count.
- Visit reception sites and reserve one.

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Choose your wedding party.
- Choose a caterer.
- Enroll in a bridal-gift registry.
- Shop for your gown.
- Shop for bridal attendants' dresses.
- Choose a photographer and/or videographer.
- Hire a florist.
- Book the musicians and/or DJ.

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Order the wedding invitations, envelopes, thank-you cards, and any other wedding stationary needed.
- Order the Wedding Gown.
- Shop for the Wedding Cake.
- Find accommodations for out-of-towners so you can send guests a list of nearby hotels in various price ranges. Most hotels will block a group of rooms for your group if you let them know the approximate number of rooms needed.
- Complete the guest list. (Assume 20% of invitees can't come).

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2-4 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Call the County Clerk's office to find out about your state's requirements for the marriage license.
- Order the tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen.
- Get a blood test, if required by your state.
- Make your honeymoon reservations.
- Compile all necessary travel documents (passports, visas, etc.).
- Meet with the Caterer and/or Banquet Manager to discuss menu, service style, bar needs, etc.
- Order the Wedding Cake.
- Pick the ceremony music. (Check with ceremony site about any restrictions).
- Pick the reception music.
- Buy thank-you gifts for the attendants.
- Shop for your wedding bands.
- Complete your honeymoon plans.
- Meet with party-rental Company, if necessary, for any rental items needed.
- Arrange the Rehearsal Dinner.

4-8 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Mail the invitations eight weeks ahead of date.
- Do a hair and makeup run-through (with headpiece).
- Book your favorite beauty pros to prepare you for that All-Eyes-On-You moment!
- Look over your insurance papers with your fiancé (life, medical, car, home, etc.). Make changes going from single to married.

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Do the seating arrangements for the Reception (if required).
- Confirm the details with the photographer, florist, etc.
- Give the Caterer the final head count.
- Have your final dress fitting.
- Check with tuxedo rental shop for final fittings.

1 WEEK BEFORE:

- Place the fees in envelopes to be given to the organist, soloist, minister, etc. on the big day.
- Ask an organized friend to bring the cake knife, toasting glasses, and other items to the reception site early (and ask them to bring them home afterwards).
- Get a manicure, pedicure, facial, massage, or other beauty treatments of your choice.
- Pack for the honeymoon (arrange someone to bring your luggage and going-away outfits to the reception site if you're leaving from the reception).

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THE DAY BEFORE:

- Greet your out-of-town guests.
- Give the best man the envelopes for payments, so he can hand out at rehearsal.
- Go to the gym, take a long walk, or do some stress reducing activity.
- Schedule time for any beauty touch ups, hair styling appointment-before Rehearsal Dinner.
- Attend the Rehearsal Dinner. Pass out thank-you gifts to attendants.

WEDDING DAY:

- Eat a good breakfast (so you can make it through the day).
- Finish any packing.
- Go to hairdresser, make-up artist, and manicurist.
- Check to see that you have car keys, wedding rings, marriage license (if not already given), keys to your new house, airplane tickets, hotel confirmations, and honeymoon spending money.
- Be dressed and ready for pictures two hours before the ceremony or according to the photographer's arrangements.
- Bride should transfer her engagement ring to her right hand.

And Most Important...
Relax and enjoy your big day, from here on it's all easy!

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