

Planning your PERFECT DAY

Things to do now!

- Tell relatives and friends you are engaged
- Place an announcement in your local newspaper
- Open a wedding bank account
- Organise wedding insurance
- Set a budget and decide who's paying for what
- Choose your best man, ushers and bridesmaids

12 - 6 Months

- Set a date
- Decide the type of wedding you want
- Hire a wedding co-ordinator, if needed
- Arrange the first meeting with your priest, minister or rabbi, or, if you're having a civil ceremony, book the registrar
- Decide on the number of guests you're inviting
- Book transport
- Visit possible reception venues, book your favourite
- Book cars, photographer and videographer
- Book a florist and discuss ideas
- Order your stationery
- Bride chooses her outfit
- Bridesmaids choose their outfits
- Plan and book the honeymoon (book time off work)
- Book a band, DJ or musicians
- Send out save the date cards
- Begin a beauty routine
- Book a Toastmaster

9 - 6 Months

- Confirm arrangements with your minister and discuss the service
- If the wedding is in a church or venue other than the church of england, give notice of the marriage to the superintendent registrar
- Groom to organise suits for himself and best man
- Choose and purchase your wedding rings
- Order your wedding cake
- Choose your gift list company
- Make a first draft of the invitation
- Reserve rental equipment, such as marquee
- Buy wedding day lingerie
- Choose & book favours
- Reserve accommodation for guests who need it
- Organise dress fittings

6 - 3 Months

- Send out invitations, including gift list info
- Finalise honeymoon plans, check passports are up to date and travel insurance plus vaccinations and visas
- Buy a going away outfit
- Write personalised vows, if necessary
- Schedule a rehearsal time and dinner
- Buy a guest book
- Have order of service sheets printed
- Book first night hotel
- Confirm booking, if marrying in a register office
- Organise hen and stag parties

2 - 1 Months

- Choose gifts for the wedding party
- Chase unanswered invitations and draw up final list
- Confirm numbers with venue
- Finalise transport
- Remind groom, best man and father to write speeches
- Send list of must-have shots to photographer

1 Month

- Pack for your honeymoon
- Final hair and make-up practice, manicure and pedicure
- Wear-in wedding shoes at home
- Arrange for cake to be delivered to venue
- Hold rehearsal with wedding party

On the day

Give yourself plenty of time to get ready in the morning. If you've booked a hair and make-up session, wear a top that you can take off without ruining your new do (a dressing gown is ideal). Make sure someone has been assigned the role of collecting and handing out the bouquets and buttonholes to the wedding party.

Finally, relax and smile, it's your wedding day!

BUDGET PLANNER

	Budget	Actual cost		Budget	Actual cost		Budget	Actual cost
Wedding rings			Bridesmaid Outfits			Reception decoration		
Dress			Transport			Catering		
Shoes			Registrar/Church fees			Drinks/Bar		
Veil			Stationery			Entertainment		
Jewellery			Photography			Dance Lessons		
Lingerie			Video			Thank you gifts		
Hair & Make-up			Flowers			First night hotel		
Groom's Outfit			Cake			Honeymoon		
Best man/Usher's Outfits			Reception venue hire			Total		