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## Ultimate Wedding Checklist

### 6-12 Months

- Discuss the budget and who will pay for what
- Choose the kind of wedding you will have – theme, date, and time
- Look at reception locations and reserve the reception location
- Reserve the wedding location (speak with officiant/clergy, find out church/synagogue requirements)
- Choose the honored roles – bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, flower girl, ring bearer
- Discuss the guest list with fiancé and families
- Discuss honeymoon and reservations
- Develop an organization system for contracts, ideas, photos, invitations, gifts, and thank-you letters
- Choose and purchase your wedding rings
- Start looking for a wedding gown, veil, accessories and your attendant's attire
- Start customizing and looking at invitations
- Begin to send out save-the-date cards
- Select your photographer, florist, caterer, and/or videographer
- Sign up for your gift registry

### 4-5 Months

- Place wedding announcement in the local newspaper
- Order wedding stationery (invitations, envelopes, programs)
- Start shopping for the bridal party's attire
- Book limo/transportation
- Finalize arrangements with your florist
- Select wedding cake
- Start planning wedding decorations
- Decide on wedding favors (have favors to go with your theme, or contributions to a charity)
- Finalize your guest list
- Set time, date, and location for rehearsal dinner
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Select and book honeymoon night suite

### 2-3 Months

- Order your wedding cake
- Buy the cake knife, guest book, toasting glasses and garter
- Choose gifts for bridal party, parents, helpers
- Start addressing and sending out the invitations
- Customize your wedding vows, if you plan to do them yourself
- Check state/county marriage license requirements
- Plan ceremony, reception, menus, music
- Go on trials and book wedding day hair and makeup, bring your headpiece (veil)
- Plan reception seating
- Begin putting together your ceremony program