

# Monthly Planning Guide

## 12 To 18 Months Before

- Discuss wedding budget with all involved
- Reserve church, temple, site of ceremony
- Shop for engagement ring
- Reserve photographer
- Reserve videographer
- Reserve reception facility
- Choose entertainment
- Visit florist and discuss floral arrangements
- Contact a wedding consultant
- Hire ceremony musicians
- Discuss and decide on style and formality of your wedding

## 6 to 12 Months Before

- Arrange accommodations for out of town attendants
- Order your wedding gown and veil
- Select the members of your bridal party
- Shop for attendants' gowns
- Schedule photo for engagement announcement
- Arrange wedding transportation
- Mail engagement information to newspaper
- Pick a color scheme for your wedding
- Discuss honeymoon plans
- Visit or call rental companies to review rental options

## 3 to 6 Months Before

- Complete bridal registry
- Order wedding cake
- Complete honeymoon plans
- Order invitations and thank you notes
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Order wedding band and engravings

## 2 Months Before

- Schedule hair and makeup
- Order men's formal wear
- Order favors for reception
- Meet with your function director
- Send band or dj a list of songs you'd like played
- Buy attendants' gifts
- First gown fitting
- Hire a calligrapher to address invitations
- Have formal portrait taken
- Mail out invitations

## 1 Month Before

- Confirm rehearsal with church
- Get physical examination
- Purchase final party supplies
- Make appointment to have bouquet preserved
- Mail thank you notes for shower gifts

## 1 to 2 Weeks Before

- Apply for marriage license
- Pick up honeymoon tickets
- Finalize flowers
- Give caterer a final guest count
- Plan seating for reception
- Write out place cards for reception
- Pick up formal wear

**Confirm:** church, reception, band/dj, photographer, videographer, favors, florist, limousine, etc.