

## Counting down to the big day.....

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### 10 - 12 months to go

To do:

- Find and book venue
- Choose your bridesmaids, best man, page boys and ushers
- Purchase wedding insurance
- Find and book photographer
- Start working on that wedding list!

To start thinking about:

- Colour scheme
  - Will you invite children
  - What flowers you like and what will be seasonal
  - Which shops you would like to visit for wedding dresses
  - Honeymoon ideas
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### 7 – 9 months to go

To do:

- Decide on the main theme for your colour scheme
- Book appointments to try on wedding dresses
- Visit florists and choose flowers for button holes, bouquets, venue and tables
- View, taste and order your wedding cake
- Finish guest list including deciding if you will invite children or not
- Design and order invitations and envelopes
- Book honeymoon

To start thinking about:

- Entertainment
  - Transport
  - If there will be children at the ceremony are you going to get any entertainment for them?
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### 6 months to go

To do:

- Choose and buy wedding dress
- Trial and book make-up and hair stylists
- Transport
- Book entertainment
- Book children's entertainment if you are having any

To start thinking about

- Stationery (place cards, menu's, seating plan, order of service)
- Wedding rings
- Bridal accessories (veil, shoes, underwear, jewellery etc)
- Bridal dresses
- Groom and grooms party attire
- Wedding list (presents)
- Extra furniture required e.g. chair covers

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## 4 – 5 months to go

To do:

- Buy stationery
- Choose and order bridal outfits
- Choose and order/hire groom and grooms party outfits
- Buy bridal accessories
- Buy bridal dresses
- Buy/hire groom and grooms party attire
- Wedding rings
- Wedding list (presents)
- Think about wedding reception design, look into ideas and order items
- Hire extra furniture or chair covers if required
- Choose and buy wedding favours
- Choose wedding list

To start thinking about

- Plan contents for wedding invitations e.g. maps
- Think about next day lunches etc
- Think about presents for best man, bridesmaids, ushers and page boy
- Wedding ceremony – music and readings

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## 3 months to go

To do

- Send out wedding invitations
- Buy presents for best man, bridesmaids, ushers and page boy
- Give notice of your intention to marry at your local registry office (can be done up to 12 months before)

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## 1 – 2 months to go

To do:

- Collate responses and send out more invitations
- Start your seating plan (in pencil!)
- Confirm ceremony music and readings. Give reading to reader to rehearse.
- Confirm meal choices – check the timing of this with venue
- Buy guest book to be signed on the day

## Final few weeks

To do:

- Confirm hair and make up style for you and your bridesmaids
  - Book nail appointment
  - Think about your tan
  - Choose a first dance
  - Final dress fittings
  - Arrange a plan of action for the days before your wedding and your wedding day – mainly who will pick up what from where
  - Write a plan of action for after the wedding especially for hired items to be returned if you are away on honeymoon
  - Give a list of songs you like to the DJ
  - Collect wedding dress, accessories, bridesmaids outfits, groom and grooms party attire (possibly practise putting your wedding dress on)
  - Double check suppliers have the correct details and know arrangements (always worth double checking)
  - Make a list of emergency numbers (give to those helping on the day)
  - Finalise your seating plan
  - Prepare all items to dress your reception room and write clear instructions for hotel staff
  - Keep your eye on the weather forecast – think about an umbrella or coat so you can get some outside photo's
  - Give photographer list of everyone you want photographed
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## Things to ask the venue

- Is there a space for you to put any presents received on the day
  - Is there a room for you to meet the registrar before the ceremony
  - Who will be working and your 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact on the day
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## Every step of the way

- Have fun – you'll only do it once!