

Wedding Checklist

Perla Events understand that planning for your big day can be a very busy affair. By using our simple wedding checklist, you can make sure you haven't forgotten anything.

Right away

- Announce your engagement to family and friends
- Set your wedding date
- Choose the type of ceremony you want, and the amount of people you want to invite. Visit potential venues and check availability.
- Set your budget and decide who's paying for what.
- Buy wedding insurance
- Choose your best man, ushers and bridesmaids.

6-12 months to go

- Book your venue
- Check your date with your minister, priest or book the register office
- Make a first draft of your guest list.
- Send out save the date cards.
- Start a wedding scrap book
- Hire a wedding co-ordinator, if required.
- Look at sample menus and book your caterer.
- Book your photographer.
- Book your videographer.
- Book your wedding cars.
- Order your stationery.
- Start looking for your cake maker.
- Make appointments to try on dresses.
- Choose your florist and discuss ideas.
- Book Perla Events for your venue decoration.
- Book your reception entertainment.
- Begin a health and beauty regime.

4-6 months to go

- If your wedding isn't in a Church of England, give notice of the marriage to the superintendent registrar at your local register office.
- Groom to start looking for suits for himself, his best man and the ushers.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Choose and purchase your wedding rings.
- Choose your gift list company and set up your list.
- Choose or start making your wedding day favours.
- Reserve accommodation for any guests who need it.
- Arrange a menu tasting with your caterer.
- Have your first wedding dress fitting with lingerie and shoes.
- Choose your bridesmaid dresses.
- Find and book your hair and make-up artist.
- Plan and book your honeymoon.



Wedding Checklist cont...

2-4 months to go

- Select your readings and music and confirm your choices with your minister/registrar.
- Send out your invitations, including details of your gift list.
- Confirm your booking if you're marrying in a register office.
- Finalise your honeymoon plans, visas, passports and travel insurance.
- Have order of service sheets printed.
- Schedule a wedding rehearsal for a week before the wedding. Buy a guest book.
- Try out various hair and make-up looks.
- Plan your hen and stag parties with your attendants.
- Buy your going-away outfit.
- Book your first-night hotel.

1-2 months to go

- Chase all unanswered invitations and draw up a final guest list.
- Finalise your seating plan.
- Give the final number of guests to your caterer.
- Buy the marriage licence from the registrar.
- Have your final dress fitting and confirm the collection date.
- Choose gifts for your wedding party.
- Book your final hair appointment.
- Finalise transport.
- Write thank you notes as people start to buy from your gift list.
- Speeches to be written by groom, best man, and father of the bride.
- Hold your hen and stag parties.

2 weeks to go

- Write out your place cards or send them to be printed.
- Type up a list of must-take shots for your photographer
- Confirm timings with all your key wedding suppliers, including photographer, florist, cake maker, venue decorator and band/DJ.
- Plan your honeymoon wardrobe.

1 week to go

- Have a final hair and make-up practice.
- Arrange for the cake to be delivered to the reception venue.
- Reconfirm final numbers with your caterer.
- Hold your wedding rehearsal with the rest of the wedding party.
- Double-check your outfit and accessories.
- Make sure the best man has arranged for the hired outfits to be returned on time after the wedding.
- Wear in your wedding shoes around the house.

The day before

- Help to decorate the venue, if necessary.
- Have a manicure and pedicure.
- Have your honeymoon luggage sent to your first-night hotel.
- Have an early night and try to relax

