

Wedding Preparation Timeline



12-18 months:

- Set your budget
- Choose and book your venue
- Set your date!
- Put together your guest list
- Decide on a church or civil ceremony
- Book your church or registrar
- Arrange a marquee if you need one
- Take out wedding insurance

9-12 months:

- Choose bridesmaids, best man and ushers
- Send out your Save the Date cards
- Choose and book your photographer and videographer
- Get your transport sorted
- Book your DJ and/or band
- Book your caterers and decide on your menu
- Start looking at wedding dresses and work out what you like

6-9 months:

- Book extra entertainment such as a magician or fireworks
- Choose and book your florist
- Choose and book your cake-maker
- Start shopping for your wedding dress and get it ordered!
- Buy your shoes, underwear and accessories
- Order or start making your wedding favours
- Book hair and make-up

3-6 months:

- Choose bridesmaids dresses
- Get your groomswear sorted



- Buy your wedding rings
- Book your honeymoon
- Book your wedding night accommodation
- Choose readings, poems and hymns
- Agree your order of service with your vicar or registrar
- Set up your gift list
- Start writing your vows

0-3 months:

- Send out invitations
- Have your dress fittings
- Start wearing in your shoes at home
- Buy gifts for your bridal party
- Write speeches and thank yous
- Trim your hair (nothing drastic!) and have a hair trial
- Trial run of bridal make-up

Final week:

- Confirm numbers with venue and caterers
- Brief your bridesmaids, ushers and best man on your plans and give them emergency numbers
- Confirm all your timings with suppliers!
- Pay final balances
- Collect groomswear if you've hired it (don't forget to arrange someone to return hired items too!)
- Collect your wedding dress from your boutique
- Have a manicure and pedicure
- Get some beauty sleep!