

## *Year-Long Wedding Checklist*

### **Six to Twelve Months Before**

- Announce your engagement
- Decide on what kind of wedding and the time of day
- Set a budget
- Pick a date
- Choose a location
- Secure the church and inquire about premarital counseling
- Start planning the reception
- Choose your colors
- Select the bridal party
- Choose and order the bridal gown, bridesmaids' gowns and accessories
- Begin your bridal registry
- Select and order wedding invitations and announcements
- Choose and order the wedding rings
- Start planning the honeymoon
- Select the caterer, photographer, florist, and musicians

### **Three Months Before**

- Complete the guest list
- Plan to have both mothers select their dresses

- Confirm the dates and times with the florist, caterer, photographer, musicians, and church
- Order the wedding cake
- Choose and order the tuxes
- Schedule the bridesmaids' dress fittings and choose shoes
- Place engagement announcement in newspaper
- Discuss transportation to and from the wedding and reception sites
- Make reservations for the honeymoon

### **Two Months Before**

- Get the marriage license
- Finalize the honeymoon plans
- Prepare and mail invitations
- Make transportation arrangements

### **One Month Before**

- Reserve accommodations for the guests
- Plan the rehearsal and dinner
- Schedule the final fittings for bride and bridesmaids

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- Schedule appointments at beauty salons for attendants
  - Purchase a guest book and decide where it will go
  - Make arrangements to preserve your wedding flowers
  - Record gifts received and send thank-you notes
  - Purchase gifts for the bridal party
  - Get wedding programs printed
  - Host the bridesmaids' luncheon

### **Two Weeks Before**

- Finalize the number of guests with the caterer

- Arrange to have names changed on driver's license, social security card, bank accounts, credit cards, etc

### **One Week Before**

- Plan seating arrangements for the guests
- Make sure that wedding rings are picked up and fit
- Start packing for the honeymoon
- Have a beautician practice fixing your hair

### **The Wedding Day**

- Relax and enjoy your day