



# The Wedding Colony

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## **Six months to one year ahead**

- Imagine the style of wedding you want – A Garden Party? Banquet Dinner? Seaside Soiree? Urban Styles? \_\_\_\_\_
- Decide when you would like to celebrate – what is your favorite season?  
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- Decide how many guests you would like to invite. \_\_\_\_\_
- Organize your guest list, sort your addresses.
- Confirm Wedding Date, coordinate ceremony and reception sites
- Register for gifts
- Invite your honor attendants and members of your wedding party.
- Choose your gown!
- Find the perfect veil & shoes!
- Book officiant
- Hire Caterer
- Order Wedding Cake
- Hire Florist
- Choose the music for the ceremony and reception
- Hire the photographer and videographer
- Plan and book your honeymoon
- Send out your save the dates

### **Four to six months ahead**

- Organize and reserve any rental equipment, such as table and chairs
- Hire transportation
- Select and order stationary, invitations and thank yous
- Purchase wedding rings
- Reserve grooms attire
- Choose the attire for wedding party
- Purchase any special undergarments or hose required for your dress
- Select and order your favors
- Arrange accommodations for your wedding night
- Purchase gifts for wedding party
- Research and reserve accommodations for out of town guests
- Sign up for dance lessons

### **Two to four months ahead**

- Discuss and decide the menu with your caterer
- Meet with your officiant to discuss your ceremony
- Schedule your rehearsal time and dinner
- Schedule your hair and makeup trial
- Mail invitations
- Be sure to send thank yous as gifts arrive

### **One to two months ahead**

- Pick out and purchase your guest book
- Have your programs designed and printed
- Obtain marriage license and research if your state requires blood test
- Prepare the documents required to change your name, should you desire to do so
- Send change of address information to the post office

### **Two weeks ahead**

- Have final dress fitting with all accessories and lingerie
- Begin your seating arrangements
- Begin to write place cards
- Notify the caterer of guest count
- Make arrangements for your home to be watched while you're away

### **One week ahead**

- Finalize seating plans
- Assign important responsibilities, such as handing out corsages and boutonnières to honored guests, to members of your wedding party
- Make arrangements to pick up your gown or have it delivered
- Confirm the details of your honeymoon
- Continue to update caterer of guest count and discuss vendor meals

## **One day ahead**

- Confirm transportation arrangements
- Have manicure and pedicure
- Rehearse ceremony
- Enjoy rehearsal dinner, give gifts to your wedding party and parents for their support
- Prepare tip envelopes for officiant and vendors and make arrangements for responsible person to hand them out.

## **Your Wedding Day!**

### **Congratulations you've made it!**

- Relax and Enjoy your wonderful day