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WEDDING TIMELINE

6-12 Months Before the Wedding

- Set the date and time of the wedding and reserve the ceremony location.
- Set the location for the reception.
- Reserve the date with your florist.
- For church weddings visit appropriate clergy members.
- Discuss expenses and establish the wedding budget.
- Choose attendants, honor attendants and ushers.
- Order your wedding invitations and announcements.
- Begin both the bride's and groom's guest lists.
- Determine the size and formality of the wedding.
- Shop for bridal gown and headpiece.
- Shop for attendant's attire and accessories and establish a color scheme.
- Select and reserve photographer and videographer.
- Select and reserve musicians for wedding and reception.
- Order your wedding rings.
- Register for china, silver and crystal patterns and other home gifts.
- Discuss honeymoon ideas.

2-4 Months Before the Wedding

- Meet with your florist to order your wedding flowers. Bring a sketch or photo of your dress and color swatches of your bridesmaids' dresses.
- Address all wedding invitations and announcements.
- Shop for trousseau attire.
- Confirm date and time of wedding rehearsal.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests and attendants.
- Select gifts for attendants and ushers.
- Make appointment for blood tests, if applicable.
- Finalize details with reception coordinator.
- Select music and meet with musicians.
- Have your wedding portrait taken.
- Order the wedding cake.

4-6 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Mail your wedding invitations.
- Have the final fitting of your gown.
- Call your reception coordinator to finalize last-minute details.
- Meet with photographer and videographer to discuss details.
- Arrange special transportation for wedding party.
- Plan the attendants' luncheon or party.
- Select the groom's gift.
- Prepare seating chart for reception guests.
- Write thank-you notes for shower gifts and wedding gifts as they arrive.
- Place announcement in local newspapers.

Two Weeks Before the Wedding

- Make final check with your florist. Double check delivery times and locations.
- Make final check with officiant, musicians, organist, photographer, videographer and reception coordinator.
- Obtain the marriage license.
- Begin name changes on bank accounts and official documents.
- Keep a list of wedding gifts and their senders as they arrive.
- Finalize seating chart for reception guests.
- Arrange pick up of guests and attendants arriving at airports.

One Week Before the Wedding

- Give the final guest count for the reception to reception coordinator.
- Relax.

Wedding Day

- Remember to eat . . . and enjoy the day.