

LOUISVILLE *Wedding* PLANNER

Wedding Timeline

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1 Year Before the Wedding

- Talk with your fiancé and family to decide on:
- Set you wedding date and time of ceremony.
- Detemine formality of ceremony snd reception
- Determine number of guests that will be invited.
- Discuss priorities and budget finances.
- Begin looking for a reception site
- Ask close friends and family to be in the wedding party
- Start record keeping
- Hire wedding consultant or planner

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9 Months Before the Wedding

- Shop for and select your wedding dress, headpiece and veil
- Decide on color scheme for wedding
- Meet with florist to begin selecting flowers
- Meet with bridesmaids and order their dresses
- Begin interviewing photographers
- Reserve ceremony site
- Discuss honeymoon plans with your fiancé
- Begin compiling guest's names and addresses
- Send photo and engagement announcement to local newspaper

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6 Months Before the Wedding

- Shop for and order invitations
- Apply for or renew passports, if necessary
- Order birth certificates to have when obtaining marriage license.
- Book reception entertainment and musicians
- Shop for groom's and groomsmen's formalwear
- Select and order your wedding bands
- Register for gifts. Make sure you register with at least on national chain for out-of-town guests.
- Plan your wedding day spa treatment and beautification for yourself and your bridesmaids

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3 Months before the Wedding

Make the necessary name changes and modifications with your bank, credit card companies and social security office
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- Discuss details of ceremony with your officiant or clergyman
- Attend your bridal showers
- Send invitations to rehearsal dinner
- Plan your bridesmaid's luncheon
- Decide on and make arrangements for wedding day transportation

4-6 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Mail your invitations
 - Discuss seating arrangements with host for rehearsal dinner
 - Finalize ceremony details
 - Determine a detailed timeline for service providers
 - Finalize floral selections
 - Make room reservations for out-of-town guests
 - Purchase gifts for parents, bridesmaids, hostesses and groom
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2 Weeks Before the Wedding

- Select date for final fitting for bridesmaids
 - Finalize fitting for gown, headpiece and veil
 - Pick up marriage license
 - See hairdresser or stylist to confirm final wedding day arrangements
 - Review guest list and contact any guests who have not responded
 - Print ceremony program
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1 Week Before the Wedding

- Print table cards
 - Plan reception seating charts
 - Provide a caterer with final guest count
 - Arrange for someone to return rental items after the wedding
 - Notify post office to hold mail while on honeymoon
 - Confirm honeymoon reservations
 - Attend bachelorette party
 - Finalize complete details of ceremony and reception with all parties involved
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The Rehearsal Day

- Gather the items needed for the rehearsal.
 - Ready suitcases for honeymoon
 - Pack an emergency "fix-it" kit to take to the ceremony site
(bobby pins, needle and thread, safety pins, extra pair of pantyhose, etc.)
 - Assign someone to bring accessories to ceremony site
 - Get a manicure and pedicure
 - Give the marriage license to the officiant or clergyman
 - Present gifts to attendants at rehearsal dinner
 - Get a good night's sleep
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The Wedding Day

- Have breakfast with close friends or family
 - Style hair and apply makeup
 - Give the groom's ring to Maid or Matron of Honor and bride's ring to the Best Man
 - Arrive at ceremony site as scheduled to begin dressing
 - Relax, smile, laugh, and take everything in.
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