

### 18 to 12 months before wedding:

- Decide on a wedding date. Make an appointment with clergyman or officiant.
- Discuss with your fiancé and family how much you want to spend.
- Assemble your wedding guest list in consultation with both families.
- Pick a reception venue and make necessary reservations.
- Select caterer and reserve for reception, rehearsal dinner and any other dining functions.
- Book music or entertainment.

### 8 to 10 months before wedding:

- Shop for wedding dress and veil.
- Select china, crystal and silverware patterns and register them in the Wedding Gift Registry of your favorite stores.
- Select your bridesmaids.
- Set the date to order dresses for the bridesmaids and attendants.
- Pick a honeymoon destination. Check to see if your passports need to be renewed and if any inoculations are required for foreign destinations.
- Hire a photographer and videographer.

### 6 to 8 months before wedding:

- Finalize your guest list and compare it with your fiancé's.
- Order your invitations. Invitations should be mailed four weeks before the wedding.
- Order your personal stationery and thank-you notes.
- Decide on a color scheme for your wedding and inform your mother and your fiancé's mother so they can find compatible colored dresses.
- Talk to a florist about which flowers will match the color scheme you've chosen.
- Arrange transportation for all wedding party members to and from the ceremony and reception.

### 3 months before wedding:

- Confirm the delivery date of your gown and select attendant's dresses.
- Make an appointment for your bridal portrait.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Inform your clergyman or officiant of all the details of your ceremony.
- Discuss the details of your reception with your caterer or reception site manager. Rent any necessary equipment.
- Choose wedding bands and arrange for engraving, if desired.
- Make hotel reservations for out of town guests.
- Work with caterer to select menus for reception and any other dining events.

### One month before wedding:

- Mail the invitations.
- Have the final fitting for your gown and confirm the date for your bridal portrait.

- Select and order gifts for the attendants.
- Reserve tuxedos for groomsmen and groom, if necessary.
- Make necessary arrangements for the bridesmaids' luncheon or dinner.
- Discuss plans for the rehearsal dinner with the hosts.

### Two weeks before wedding:

- Go with fiancé to get marriage license.
- Plan your wedding hairstyle and other beauty arrangements (manicure, etc.).
- If you are changing your name, arrange to change your name and address on official documents, such as driver's license, bank accounts, insurance and health policies.
- Deliver wedding announcement to the local newspaper.

### One week before wedding:

- Start packing for honeymoon.
- Have luncheon or dinner for bridesmaids.
- Wrap and present gifts to your attendants at the bridesmaids' party.
- Inform the caterer of the exact number of confirmed guests for the reception.
- Review final details of the ceremony and reception with all parties involved.
- Relax and enjoy the big day!

### Reception Checklist

- Reserve site.
- Select caterer.
- Sign agreement and pay deposit to reserve.
- Decide style, theme and decorations. Hire florist, if necessary.
- Plan menu.
- Determine if alcohol will be served. If so, will it be open bar, limited bar or cash bar?
- Hire band or DJ for reception.
- Determine sequence of events with DJ, band or Master of Ceremonies.
- Select someone to be the guest book attendant.
- Determine seating arrangements.
- Order or make favors for guests.
- Give final guest count to caterer.

### Rehearsal Dinner Checklist

- Set date, time and location of rehearsal dinner.
- Reserve restaurant or hire caterer.
- Determine menu.
- Select decorations, if needed.
- Create guest list.
- Order invitations.
- Confirm number of guests with caterer or restaurant.