

## *Wedding Planner*

### *12-Month Organizer*



*Has there ever been a bride-to-be who was prepared for everything? Just when you're about to throw the biggest party ever, you have to make plans for your new life as part of a married couple. So many decisions to make! You need to find a way to manage all the details.*

*The good news is that millions of brides do handle the challenge every year. Their secret—having a good wedding plan that works from the time you announce your engagement until you toss the bouquet. The wedding experts at Wilton have created this planner to help put your wedding plan in motion. Everything you need to think about before the wedding is here. Reception size and location. Decorations. Food. Music. Consult our 12-month timetable to see when to do each task, then use our worksheets and checklist to plan every detail of your wedding. With your plan in hand, you're going to have the time of your life!*

#### *12 Months*

*Announce your engagement to family and close friends  
Send your announcement to local newspapers  
Purchase a planning notebook or software  
Develop a guest list*

#### *11 Months*

*Plan a preliminary budget  
Research wedding and reception locations  
Select bridal party and ask each person to participate  
Settle on a wedding site*

#### *10 Months*

*Set your date  
Book the reception location  
Interview and select caterer, photographer, florist, musicians, videographer, wedding director*

#### *9 Months*

*Register for gifts  
Begin wedding dress shopping*

*8 Months*

*Interview and select priest, minister, pastor, rabbi or judge*  
*Interview cake designers, sample cakes and select your cake*  
*Begin to review honeymoon locations*  
*Finalize overall budget*

*7 Months*

*Order wedding dress*  
*Begin to shop for bridesmaid dresses*  
*Finalize guest list*

*6 Months*

*Begin shopping for invitations and stationery*  
*Place order for bridesmaid dresses and accessories*  
*Bride and groom's mother select dresses*  
*Reserve rental equipment (chairs, arches, linens, etc.)*  
*Order invitations and stationery*

*5 Months*

*Select wedding favors*  
*Shop for wedding rings*  
*Finalize your décor ideas and shop for decorations*  
*Begin shopping for groom's wedding attire*  
*Send tux measurement forms to groomsmen*  
*Finalize dates for bachelorette parties and showers*

*4 Months*

*Finalize flowers*  
*Order tuxes*  
*Book honeymoon*  
*Purchase groom's gift*  
*Schedule appointments for trial hair and makeup*  
*Book block of rooms for out-of-town guests*

*3 Months*

*Plan seating arrangements for reception*  
*Purchase wedding accessories- guest book, ring bearer pillow, toasting glasses, unity candle, flower basket, serving set*  
*Choose or write vows*  
*Book hair, nail, makeup appointments*

*2 Months*

*Mail invitations  
Purchase gifts for bridal party  
Schedule first fitting  
Apply for marriage license  
Attend showers*

*1 Month*

*Finalize ceremony plans  
Submit wedding program to stationer  
Finalize transportation of family, party and out-of-town guests  
Pick up wedding rings  
Make arrangements for bridesmaids luncheon  
Get forms for name change on driver's license, Social Security card, insurance and medical plans and bank accounts  
Schedule second bridal fitting*

*3 Weeks*

*Reconfirm hotel reservations for guests as well as for honeymoon  
Purchase and print dinner seating cards for guests*

*2 Weeks*

*Pack for honeymoon  
Send final payment to suppliers  
Get hair colored and trimmed*

*1 Week*

*Pick up gown and accessories  
Gather wedding accessories; put in bag or box ready to go  
Attend bachelor or bachelorette parties  
Make time to relax  
Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner*