

The Christian Graffiti Essential Wedding Planner

Date:

6 Months to go!

- ♥ Write out the budget (See our budget planner)
- ♥ Decide what style of wedding you want: big/small, formal/informal, indoors/outdoors, local/away
- ♥ Compile a Guest List (See our guest list planner)
- ♥ Inform your Pastor or Officiant
- ♥ Start shopping for wedding dress and accessories: veil, gloves, headpiece, shoes, etc
- ♥ Book wedding venue (Ceremony and Reception)
- ♥ Book a Photographer and Videographer
- ♥ Book Caterer
- ♥ Order Wedding Cake
- ♥ Informally notify friends and family (either by save-the-dates, e-mail, a phone call, etc)
- ♥ Choose bridal party
- ♥ Book to see a marriage counselor/adviser

4 Months to go!

Date:

- ♥ Reserve rental equipment, such as silverware, plates, cups, tables, chairs, and tents/canopies
- ♥ Order Wedding Stationery: Invitations, Engagement notices,
- ♥ Send out Save-the-date cards if applicable
- ♥ Shop for wedding rings
- ♥ Obtain sizes for bridal party (shoes and dress size) *You can have friends help with this*
- ♥ Buy/hire Groom's attire
- ♥ Book a room for wedding night (Your house will probably be chaotic right after the wedding!)
- ♥ Reserve accommodation for guests from out-of-town

2 Months to go!

Date:

- ♥ Send out Invitations (to save money, hand deliver to people when there is a family gathering)
- ♥ Meet with caterer to select reception menu
- ♥ Organize drinks for the reception (how they will be delivered and chilled and which drinks to buy)
- ♥ Choose hymns and readings for the ceremony
- ♥ Hair style rehearsal with your stylist
- ♥ Make-up rehearsal with make-up artist
- ♥ Meet with decorators at the venue to finalize on reception style
- ♥ Meet with florist to finalize on bouquets and flowers for wedding
- ♥ Organize wedding day transportation
- ♥ Book Honeymoon (Even if you can't afford a honeymoon right away, book a day away from the daily routine, perhaps a local hotel/spa)

Helpful hint: Assign different aspects of the wedding plan to different people (sisters, friends etc) for example one of your friends could be in charge of the bridal party, another in charge of the reception. However, make sure they are friends with good organizational skills!

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1 Month to go!

Date:

- ♥ Obtain a marriage license
- ♥ Have wedding programs printed
- ♥ Finalize honeymoon details
- ♥ Shop for shoes and accessories for engagement party and evening party
- ♥ Buy wedding lingerie
- ♥ Pack !!! you'll be moving soon
- ♥ Pick-up change of address forms from Post-Office

2 weeks to go!

Date:

- ♥ Have your final dress fitting
- ♥ Write out your seating plan (*see our seating plan*)
- ♥ Notify caterer of the final guest count

1 week to go!

Date:

- ♥ Pick up your dress and bridal party outfits
- ♥ Break-in your wedding shoes and any other shoes you'll be wearing
- ♥ Meet with parents from both sides to discuss wedding day details
- ♥ Hold an Introduction party if applicable
- ♥ Confirm your honeymoon arrangements and pack for the trip

1 day to go!!!

Date:

- ♥ Confirm transportation arrangements
- ♥ Have manicure and pedicure done (its better to do this first thing in the morning)
- ♥ Visit the hair stylist for any preliminary treatments (its better to get your hair done on the actual day)
- ♥ Get a good nights' rest (difficult to do!!! if you can't sleep, spend time with friends or family laughing!!!)
- ♥ Delegate any responsibilities for the wedding day to a close friend
- ♥ Pack your wedding day emergency bag (tights, glue for nails, powder or shine control, shiseido makes an excellent shine control sheet, hair spray, tissues, panty liners, safety pins, hair pins, etc)

Helpful hint: If you are wearing a ball gown or any other dress that restricts access, remember to visit the ladies room before the ceremony and also practice lifting up your dress carefully, you might want to designate a friend or your maid of honour to assist you when you need to go!