

## TIME LINE

### Six to Twelve Months From Your Wedding Date:

- Decide budget.
- Wedding Coordinator.
- Decide type of wedding.
- Choose location for ceremony.
- Choose attendants (and alternate attendants, if necessary).
- Select gown, veil and accessories.
- Purchase undergarments to be worn with wedding gown (you'll want to wear these at each fitting).
- Select attendants' gowns.
- Start to work on your guest list (divide 3 ways between bride/groom/parents).
- Select reception site.
- Start to plan reception.
- Select men's formalwear.
- Select photographer.
- Select videographer.
- Select and reserve florist.
- Select places for bridal registry.
- Select music for wedding ceremony (soloists and special musicians).
- Select music for reception.
- Start developing your honeymoon plans.
- Arrange lodging for out of town guests.
- If you need passports for honeymoon, order now.
- Reserve makeup artist.
- Reserve hair stylist.

### Four Months:

- Order invitations, personal stationary and wedding programs.
- Mail save-the-date cards.
- Finalize honeymoon reservations/plans.
- Design maps to be inserted in invitations (wedding/reception).
- Select/make ring cushion.
- Reserve limousine /transportation for Bridal Party.
- Reserve make-up artist and hair stylist.

### Three Months:

- Mothers select dresses/gowns.
- Schedule attendant's fittings.
- Bride/Groom get physical check ups/any blood tests required.
- Order wedding cake, accessories, favors, top for cake, knife and server (and have any engraving done).
- Address wedding invitations.

### Two Months:

- Mail wedding invitations.
- If placing announcements with newspapers, check deadlines.
- Select attendants' gifts.
- Purchase wedding rings, have sized, and order engraving.
- Reserve rental items necessary.
- Arrange parking attendants, if necessary.
- Purchase Bride and Groom's gifts to each other.

### One Month:

- Plan a special day with your fiancé to get your marriage license -- then go have lunch! In Colorado, a license is good for 30 days.
- Have formal wedding portrait taken. (You can also do this at the church prior to the ceremony.)
- Arrange for ice sculptures (if caterer/hotel isn't handling).
- Confirm honeymoon reservations. Check luggage (do you need any new pieces?)
- Arrange for final fitting of your gown. (Be sure to take undergarments for this fitting.)
- Remind bridesmaids of final gown fittings. (Attendants should have with them their shoes and any special undergarments necessary for the fitting.)
- Double check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party. (Be sure that any shoes or special accessories that may have been ordered are in. If shoes are being dyed, be sure attendants order them in advance so correct color is sent. Have all attendants wear shoes to break them in and scuff up bottoms so they won't slip on carpet when walking down the aisle. Bride should also break in shoes.)
- Check to be sure that all the men's shirt studs are the same.
- If having your hair done for the wedding, try out any new styles now. Take your veil/hair piece with you.

### Two Weeks

- Record wedding gifts as you receive them and keep up with your thank you notes.
- Confirm time & date of rehearsal with all members of your wedding party.
- Groom/parents confirm reservations for rehearsal dinner.
- Review reception eating plans and prepare place cards if desired.
- Complete trousseau shopping.
- Schedule hair/nail appointments.
- Arrange for changing your name and address on bank account, credit cards, driver's license, and social security.

### One Week

- Final consultations with coordinator, caterer, florist, musicians and photographers.
- Give final guest count to reception facility or caterer.
- Make final payments.
- Host bridesmaid's brunch/luncheon.
- Begin packing for honeymoon.

**RELAX AND GET PLENTY OF REST....IT'S TIME TO ENJOY!**

### Wedding Day:

- Eat something before the wedding.
- Have finger food and beverages available in both Bride's and Groom's dressing rooms for wedding party. It's a good idea also to have hard candy available.
- Eat something at the reception.
- Have the attendants put makeup on before they arrive at the church/wedding site to dress.
- Bride: make up at home or arrange to have make up artist at wedding site. If having hair done prior to arriving at wedding site, wear a button shirt so you won't have to put it over your head.

**ENJOY YOUR PERFECT DAY!**

### Notes: