The Bride's Checklis

□ 12 Months Before:

- Set the wedding date.
- Set a budget. If you'll share the wedding expenses, discuss the details with your fiance
- Choose the wedding ceremony, the ceremony officiant and the wedding reception site.
- Buy a bridal planner or hire a wedding consultant.
- Start calling wedding service providers and requesting information.

□ 9 Months Before:

- Arrange a visit with your clergy person or officiant to discuss the ceremony. Bring your fiance.
- Visit the bridal registry with your fiance.
- Start drawing up your guest list.
- Choose your bridal party.
- Choose a color scheme.
- Choose and purchase the bridal gown and headpiece.

☐ 6 Months Before:

- Announce the engagement in the newspaper.
- Ask your fiance about honeymoon plans; if traveling abroad, update your passport.
- Choose a photographer, videographer, baker for the wedding cake and entertainment for the reception.
- Announce the engagement in the newspaper.
- Shop with mothers and attendants for their dresses, shoes and accessories.
- Decide on flowers and other wedding decorations for the ceremony and reception.
- Finalize the dress-delivery time, date and place.

☐ 3 Months Before:

- Finalize the guest list and reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- Order invitations and other stationery.
- Choose wedding rings.
- · See your doctor for a checkup and blood test.
- Confirm all wedding services.
- Reserve transportation.
- Meet with caterer about menu, beverages and other reception details.

☐ 6 Weeks Before:

- Select gifts for the bridesmaids, maid of honor and groom.
- Get the necessary legal and religious papers in order.
- Pick up the wedding rings and make sure they fit.
- Make moving arrangements, if necessary, to fit living arrangements after the wedding.
- Mail invitations, start recording gifts received and writing thank you notes.

□ 2 Weeks Before:

- Schedule a time with your fiance to get the marriage license.
- Get a final guest count for the caterer and reception hall.
- · Have name and address changed on driver's license and other important papers, if necessary.
- · Have your hair cut.
- Meet with bridal consultant about final details.

☐ 1 Week Before:

- Make an appointment for final fittings and confirm dress delivery information.
- Write out place cards and/or seating chart.
- Try hairstyles with your headpiece, look in magazine for ideas to show your stylist.
- Pack for the honeymoon.
- Take a day to pamper yourself or spend the day with your fiance.
- Attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
- · Give attendants their gifts at the dinner.
- RELAX! No use panicking now.

☐ The Wedding Day:

- Get up early and eat a good breakfast. You may be too nervous to eat later.
- Allow three hours or more to get dressed before wedding photos are taken.
- Take wedding photos about one hour before the ceremony.
- Have the best man and maid of honor sign the wedding certificate as witnesses.

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