

12 Month Wedding Planner

12 months prior

Determine your budget

Think about how much you'll be comfortable spending and set your spending priorities

Find a venue and reserve your wedding date

Booking in a location for your Ceremony and Reception can be a daunting task. Make sure you are prepared with questions to ask as you inspect locations.

Check out our [Top Tips to Ask Your Venue](#)

Set your guest numbers

How big do you want your wedding to be? Think about your budget, and compile a guest list. Start collecting addresses

Look at ideas for wedding styling and set up

Think about what your dream day looks like and do lots of research.

TIP – Start a Pinterest board with all your favourite images to help establish a style. Follow us on [Pinterest](#) for inspo

Consider hiring a Wedding Planner

If it is within your budget, a wedding planner will take a lot of the stress out of planning a wedding

Send out 'Save the Date' cards

Once you've reserved a date and compiled your guest list, let everyone know!

Look into honeymoon ideas

Think about your budget and start researching your dream honeymoon locations. Look into how much time you and your partner can spend away

Read up on some Bridal Blogs

This will help you to get your head around what to do and what not to do

Meet with your Wedding Stylist
[W Events Group](#)

Discussing ideas and options with your stylist is a good idea at this point. This will help you to settle on a theme, more clearly define your budget, and should also get you pretty excited!

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9 months prior

Choose your
bridal party

Decide who will be standing next to you while you say 'I do'. Also decide on their attire

Begin searching and
booking your vendors

You will need to look into:
Photographer/Videographer
Celebrant for your Ceremony
Florist
Music, DJ or Band
Cake Maker
Plus any other extras or entertainment.

TIP – Always get your vendors booking details in writing
Check out some of our favourite suppliers [here](#)

Shop for a
wedding dress

You will also need to organise shoes and accessories

Book hotel rooms

Book rooms for the night before and your wedding night. Also book rooms for out of town guests

Set up a gift registry

You will want to sign up at least three retailers, or consider if you would prefer a wishing well only

Go over bridal shower/
bucks details

While the details aren't your responsibility, it's important to go over your expectations and date/time with the host

Shop for
bridesmaids dresses

You should allow at least 6 months for ordering and fitting.

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6 months prior

Confirm your styling needs

Decide what items you have to have, and which you can survive without. Also confirm any additional equipment hire or rentals

Shop for men's formalwear

It just as important for the blokes to look as WOW as the women!

Secure transportation

You'll want to arrive in style

Book honeymoon

Finalise all those fun details for when you are finally Mr. and Mrs.! Make sure your passports are up to date.

Hire a hair stylist and makeup artist

And book in your trials

Finalise guest list

Firm up your numbers, collect all addresses and confirm wording for your invites

Meet with photographer and videographer

It is important to discuss your expectations with these vendors. Make a list of your must have shots

Shop for wedding rings

Give time for resizing and engraving

Order wedding stationery

This can include invitations, name cards, table numbers, welcome sign, seating chart and more

Book rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

Confirm venue, time and date. Confirm the guest list. You will also need to look at who will be doing toasts

Confirm flowers with florist

You need to finalise bouquets, buttonholes, centrepieces and any other florals, including where these will be dropped off on the day

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3 months prior

Send out invitations

Include a return envelope with stamp for RSVP

Discuss/confirm menu options with caterer or hotel

Don't forget to consider any of your guests' dietary requirements and kids meals.

TIP – If you are on a tight budget, serve your cake as dessert

Organise your wedding favours

There are so many wedding favour ideas out there, so get creative with this one

Meet with celebrant

Discuss and prepare ceremony service. Obtain a marriage licence and prepare for name changes

Have a final dress fitting with shoes, veil and accessories

Also get all your bridesmaids together to try on their dresses

TIP – don't forget to break in your wedding shoes

Create a seating plan for guests

Seating plans can be tricky!

Have parents and important guests at the front of your room

Ask your venue for a floor plan to help

Finalise schedule of events for the day

Decide what traditions to include in your schedule.

TIP – keep your speeches short and sweet!

Prepare toasts, speeches and vows

Check with your speaking guest on their progress and let them know the order of speeches

Organise guest book

Your guest book can be a simple book, a photo booth, a message tree... Get creative!

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1 week prior

Touch base with all your vendors

Supply them with an emergency contact number for the wedding day

Re-confirm your transportation

You don't want to be waiting for a limo that never arrives!

Ensure all items are prepared and packed for wedding day

Deliver any items to the venue for set up

Finalise payments for all vendors and venue

Get on top of all your invoices, so you won't have to worry about this right before your wedding or on your honeymoon

Delegate small wedding-day tasks

There are always guests wanting to help out. Delegate small tasks such as carrying your things or being in charge of gifts

Send timelines

Give a schedule and timeline to the bridal party, vendors and MC

Confirm final guest list

Send a final copy to the venue and catering

Confirm hair and makeup

Get ready to be glammed up

Check into your hotel room

Relax! The day is almost here. Enjoy