

To be done at the earliest possible moment, preferably no less than 6 months before the wedding.

- Think about an approximate date (have alternative dates to hand).
- Announce your future marriage to your family and friends - either verbally, by means of the press, by email or a combination of all these.
- Work out your budget to help you choose location, number of guests etc. - See our wedding budget sheet.
- Consulting your budget decide how many guests you will invite and let each family know how many guests they can invite.
- Set the location for the ceremony.
- Set the location for the reception.
- Fix the date.
- Decide on who will be the best man and the bridesmaids.
- Get families to give you their guest lists.
- Organize the wedding dress and accessories (this may take a while).
- Decide on Caterers, Baker (for cake), Band or DJ. (You may want to consult with the reception site as they often provide some of these services as part of a package deal).
- Decide on a florist to use for the ceremony and the reception.
- Book the photographer and also if needed the videographer.
- Book limos or other transport method for the day - (Home to church, Church to reception. For bride, groom and wedding party).

Notes:

To be done preferably 4 months before the wedding.

- Compile a wedding gift list for distribution with the invitations.
- Decide on the honeymoon and make the reservations.
- Order the invitations from the printers - ask about any wedding packages they may offer which might include thank you cards, placement cards for the dinner table, programs etc.
- Organize the bridesmaids dresses and accessories.
- Organize the groom, best man and attendants' suits.
- Purchase the Wedding Rings.
- Send out the invitations.
- Organize rehearsal dinner

Notes:

To be done at least 2 months before the wedding.

- Apply for marriage licence and blood tests (time range for this depends on where you will be married - check local requirements).
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids and grooms attendants.
- Organize accommodation for those guests who will be coming from far away
- Book personal hair stylist and manicurist for the day itself.

Notes:

Things to do in the month leading up to the wedding.

- Contact authorities about any change of name: i.e. bank, social security, dept motor vehicles, credit cards companies etc.
- Make seating plan for reception – get the seating cards printed.
- Inform catering company of the final numbers.

Notes:

To be done in the last few days.

- Make last minute arrangements such as directions to the wedding and reception and schedule of events with the following;
 - Reception coordinator
 - Florist
 - Cake maker
 - DJ or Band
 - Photographer
 - Limo or Transport Operator.
- Give marriage licence to the best man to bring to the ceremony
- Make checks for all services and give them to the best man to distribute on the day.
- Pack all you will need for the honeymoon and reception

Notes:

For Further Help and guidance we recommend you check out the following ebooks:

[Amazing Wedding Planning](http://grace-land.com/go/amazingwedding.php) - <http://grace-land.com/go/amazingwedding.php>

[Your Perfect Day](http://grace-land.com/go/perfectwedding.php) - <http://grace-land.com/go/perfectwedding.php>