

Your Estimated Wedding Planning Timeline

Having decided on the type of wedding you both want and set yourself a budget, you can then decide on some practicalities - depending on what type of wedding you want will almost set the timescales. For example if the two of you are quite flexible on when or where, a wedding can be planned in as little as six. Otherwise, some couples come to us and want to book three years in advance. It all depends upon your circumstances, budget and your vision you have of your wedding.

Task	Estimated Timeline
Hire a Wedding Planner if needed	As soon as possible
Setting up a wedding bank account can help organise your finances.	As soon as possible
Gather images and styles of the type of wedding you'd both like - create a mood board	As soon as possible
Decide on your type of venue and theme	As soon as possible - wedding fairs and wedding open days are a good way to get ideas
Put together your draft guest list	As soon as possible to get your best cost estimate
Choose bridesmaids, best man and ushers	As soon as possible
Choose and book the reception venue	As soon as possible
Choose and book the ceremony if not at the venue	As soon as possible
Get wedding insurance	Once the deposit on your venue is paid.
Send a save the date to guests / family with accommodation details	As soon as your venue is booked
Start a beauty routine	9 months or earlier
Find a photographer who suits your style	9-12 months or earlier
Book your entertainment (day and night)	9-12 months or earlier
Book a videographer	9-12 months or earlier
Think about the style of your wedding, colours etc. to create your signature wedding style and what props etc. you'd like to use and start sourcing these	9-12 months or earlier if you are thinking of doing some wedding DIY
Think about your wedding dress and other outfits and accessories	6-9 months or earlier
Buy wedding rings - invest time in getting the right ones so they provide the statement of love	6-9 months or earlier
Decide what type of flowers you'd like and if necessary meet with florists	6-9 months or earlier
Think about ways to personalise and make your wedding stand out from others	6-9 months or earlier
Think about any readings or songs you would like for your ceremony	6 months or earlier
Plan your honeymoon and wedding night accommodation - check your passports haven't expired!	6 months
Source stationery and arrange to send out invitations and plan RSVP and information cards	6 months
Sort out transport	6 months
Seek out cake makers and test the cake!	6 months
Sort out a wedding gift list	6 months
Sort out your hairdresser and make-up artist	6 months
Arrange a tasting with the venue	3 months
Send out your invitations and track your RSVP's	3 months
Think about wedding favours	3 months
Decide on your songs and first dance	3 months
Agree the Order of Service with the Vicar / Registrar	3-6 months
Finalise arrangements with the venue - food and drink choices and venue style	3 months
Plan your Hen / Bachelor parties	3 months

