

WHAT TO DO & WHEN

12 MONTHS BEFORE...

- Choose a wedding date
- Decide on a budget
- Open a planning book
- Make a list of guests and decide on numbers
- Book your church or registrar
- Book your reception venue/caterers
- Send out "Save The Date" cards
- Choose your Bridesmaids, Ushers and Best Man
- Start looking for The Dress!
- Choose and book your photographer
- Choose and book your videographer
- Take out insurance cover
- Start thinking about the honeymoon

10 MONTHS BEFORE...

- Order your wedding dress
- Choose bridesmaids' dresses
- Choose the music, hymns and readings for the ceremony
- Order wedding stationery
- Book entertainment
- Choose and order your wedding cake
- Make an appointment with your chosen florist
- Select a Toastmaster
- Decide on how you're getting to the venues

6 MONTHS BEFORE...

- Book an engagement shoot
- Give Notice of Marriage
- Purchase or hire menswear
- Order venue decoration/chair covers
- Select your wedding rings
- Book a make-up artist/hairdresser and arrange a trial
- Choose a Gift List
- Think about timings of the day
- Book transport
- Buy shoes, lingerie and accessories
- Attend initial fitting for your wedding dress.

NOTES...

4 MONTHS BEFORE...

- Send out your wedding invitations
- Check your passport expiry date
- Check if you will need visas or vaccinations for your honeymoon destination
- Choose attendants' gifts
- Order favours
- Start thinking about a seating plan
- Book your wedding night accommodation
- Make arrangements for Hen and Stag parties
- Arrange fittings for the menswear
- Organise rehearsal with the relevant people
- Choose your menu
- Have a final meeting with your venue

1 MONTH BEFORE...

- Arrange a final fitting of your wedding dress
- Telephone guests who have not responded to your invitation
- Buy a wedding gift for each other
- Arrange for a final fitting for your bridesmaids, ushers and best man and arrange when to collect the outfits
- Confirm timings with the venue and all relevant suppliers
- Have a final meeting with your venue
- Create a list of important photos for the photographer

2 WEEKS BEFORE...

- Make a note of wedding gifts as they arrive
- Confirm the date and time of the rehearsal with the relevant people
- Arrange to change your name if appropriate
- Speak to all your suppliers to confirm details
- Book dry cleaning for your dress

1 WEEK BEFORE...

- Arrange to collect your wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses and the menswear
- Arrange for your order of service to be given to the minister
- Pack for your honeymoon or overnight bag
- Have all your beauty treatments
- Book the groom a hair cut
- Organise an emergency kit for on the day
- Drink plenty of water and have some early nights

...and relax and enjoy this time - all your hard work is about to come to fruition!