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From **Yes' to 'I Do'**

A Complete Wedding Timeline Checklist 

Congratulations on your engagement and welcome to one of the most exciting times of your life!

Wedding planning is an exciting and special time in your life and with the right planning, the excitement will continue throughout your journey.

We are pleased to provide the following guide to remind you of the to-do's, vendors you may need, and approximate timing needed for each so you can plan your perfect day and look back on your journey with fond memories.



I: Engagement and Initial Planning

- Announce your engagement with a social media photo!
- Engagement party
- Create your wedding budget
- Research, tour, and select a wedding venue
- Set your wedding date
- Select your wedding theme and colors
- Initial guest list creation



II: 'Yes to the Dress' Wedding Attire

9-12 Months Before

- Book your dress shopping appointment and find the perfect wedding dress at Darianna Bridal & Tuxedo, of course!
- Groom and groomsmen attire selection
- Mother of the Bride/Groom dress selections
- Bridesmaid dress selections



III: Countdown to the Big Day

9-12 Months Before

- Finalize the guest list and obtain current addresses
- Choose your bridal party
- Research and book vendors (photographer, videographer, florist, caterer, wedding cake bakery, DJ/band, Day-of wedding planner, hair and make up, officiant)
- Create a wedding website
- Order your wedding dress
- Engagement photoshoot for save-the-dates
- Secure a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Research honeymoon options (*get passport, if necessary*)



IV: Details, Details

6-8 Months Before

- Order wedding invitations, stationery, and save the dates
- Send out save the dates
- Plan the ceremony and reception decor
- Select and order wedding rings
- Begin pre-marital counseling (if desired)
- Build your registry
- Confirm tuxedo style
- Search for your bridal accessories (shoes, jewelry, purse)



V: Final Touches:

4-6 Months Before

- Send out invitations
- Book your honeymoon
- Create a day-of wedding timeline
- Finalize menus and catering details
- Order wedding cake
- Hair and makeup trials
- Create a desired photo list for photographer
- Plan your rehearsal dinner



VI: The Home Stretch

1-2 Months Before

- Track your RSVPs
- Confirm with vendors
- Get your marriage license
- Final dress fittings and alterations
- Plan bridal party gifts
- Get the groomsmen measured for tuxedos
- Finalize your seating chart and favors
- Finalize wedding music - processional, recessional, first dance, parent
- Write vows



VII: Wedding Week

1 Week Before

- Pack for the wedding and honeymoon
- Reconfirm all details with vendors
- Confirm wedding day timeline
- Have a wedding rehearsal
- Enjoy spa and self-care treatments (hair coloring/cut, nails)
- Pick up tuxedos



VIII: The Big Day

Your Wedding Day

- Getting ready with your bridal party
- The ceremony – saying “I do!”
- The reception!



IX: After 'I Do'

Post Wedding and Preservation

- Thank you notes to guests
- Preserving your wedding dress
- Review your vendors
- Changing your last name (if applicable)
- Wrapping up financial and legal details
- Reflecting on your beautiful day
- Printing out your wedding photos or making wedding photo book



X: Additional Tips and Resources

- **Managing Expectations:** Planning a wedding is an emotional process that usually involves an abundance of opinions from yourself, your fiancé, and your friends and family. There's bound to be a difference of opinion on some topics that come up during the planning process.
- While this can be frustrating, it should be expected. It's important to prepare yourself for these differences and to think through how you will handle these conversations, whether they're with your fiancé, your parents, in-laws, or wedding party. It can certainly be uncomfortable navigating these waters, but it's important to hear everyone out and let everyone know their thoughts and support is important to you during this process.
- As mentioned above, planning a wedding encompasses a wide range of emotions throughout the entirety of the process. While (hopefully) the majority of these emotions will be happy ones, there will of course be some low moments. It's completely normal to end up in little fights and disagreements with your fiancé, to end up frustrated, or to find yourself overwhelmed throughout this process. Do not react in the moment, as hard as that may be. Know your limits and indulge yourself in these emotional moments. Ask for help when needed and remember your day is going to be beautiful and one of the best days of your life. Sometimes the little things become big things for no reason – it's just wedding nerves!



*Get more tips
from the experts!*



XI: Conclusion 🌟

Your wedding should be exactly what YOU want, this is your day and you should be able to look back on the day with amazing memories, smiles and laughter, and lots of love. You will be surrounded by those who love you and want the best for you! The day will go by so fast, make sure to be present and enjoy every minute.

The best way to do that is to adhere to your timeline, budget, and accept help being offered. Do not try to do everything yourself, there are those who will be honored to assist you!





If you need additional assistance or have other wedding planning questions, call or text us at: **215-491-8500**

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