

wedding planning CHECKLIST



Thank you for trusting the team at Juliana's to create a beautiful wedding day for you! We tell our brides and grooms: on your wedding day, enjoy your guests – we'll take care of the rest. We handle many of your wedding day details, but there are still a few To Dos you'll need to take care of on your own.

Our checklist covers a 12-month span of time, and it covers everything you might consider for your wedding. But seriously ... no stress. These are just suggestions. Feel free to adjust the list and schedule to fit your own timeline.

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Place engagement announcement in local newspaper
- Plan engagement party
- Create your budget
- Draft a guest list with current contact information, including home and e-mail addresses
- Call Juliana's to reserve your wedding date (select a few days in case your first choice is booked)
- Choose attendants, including maid of honor and best man
- Shop for wedding gown

7-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research and select your wedding gift registries
- Order your wedding gown and buy undergarments
- Order bridal accessories - shoes, gloves, veil, etc.
- Start browsing bridesmaids dresses
- Book the officiant who will perform your ceremony
- Book wedding band/DJ, photographer, videographer and florist
- Browse wedding cake ideas on Pinterest and research local bakeries. We recommend Cocoa Bean Bakery & Café.

5-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Select and order wedding invitations, envelopes and thank-you cards
- Buy wedding favors and accessories (boxes, personalized wedding ribbon, labels, etc.)
- Buy ceremony and reception decorations (unity candle, vases, aisle runner, etc.)

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Order wedding cake. We recommend Cocoa Bean Bakery & Café. Call (985) 345-2002 and tell 'em Juliana's sent you!
- Book honeymoon and verify all travel documents (proper travel visas and valid passports)
- Book a room for your wedding night
- Block hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Finalize your guest list and send save-the-date cards
- Gather information for out-of-town guests: directions to the ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner and hotel(s), plus things to do or places of interest around town
- Reserve transportation for the wedding party and a bus or trolley for guests
- Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Reserve a location for the rehearsal dinner
- Research location, fees, and other requirements for getting your marriage license
- Discuss ceremony details and wedding vows with your officiant
- Select wedding readings
- Buy thank-you gifts for attendants, flower girl and ring bearer
- Shop for a groom's gift
- Select, purchase and engrave wedding rings
- Reserve a location for the rehearsal dinner
- Book specialty services (ice sculptures, photo booths, etc.)

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Mail invitations 8 weeks before the wedding date, including hotel and travel details for out-of-town guests
- Order and print ceremony programs
- Buy guestbook, pen, and other wedding accessories (think: toasting glasses, cake knife, ring pillow, etc.)
- Schedule a trial-run for hair and makeup stylists; book hair, makeup, & nail appointments for your wedding day

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Review documents to be updated (insurance, car, home, medical, etc.) with your fiancé
- Complete name change documents (or buy a bridal name change kit online)
- Fill out a change-of-address form at the post office
- Contact Juliana's with a final guest count
- Meet with Juliana's team to discuss the final menu and bar
- Confirm flower, décor, and venue details with florist
- Finalize ceremony and reception music/song lists
- Confirm lodging reservations for out-of-town guests
- Plan a bridal luncheon or dinner with your bridesmaids
- Pick up wedding bands and check the fitting
- Schedule a final wedding dress fitting
- Apply for your marriage license

Final weeks checklist



