

## **Nine to Twelve Months** Before the Wedding...

- Start a wedding file to keep all wedding documents, contracts, etc.
- Determine the type of wedding you want, size, degree of formality, setting.
- Select a date and time for your wedding.
- Check with your officiant to determine any pre-marital requirements and to reserve a date and time for the wedding and rehearsal.
- Plan reception and book the location. (Note: This should be booked as soon as the wedding date is set to ensure availability.)
- Set a tentative wedding budget.
- Decide how expenses will be divided.
- Shop together for your wedding rings.
- Determine the size of your guest list.
- Select your wedding consultant.
- Select and book your caterer.
- Select and book your photographer.
- Select and book your videographer.
- Select and book the reception entertainment.
- Select and book transportation for out-of-town guests and for the wedding
- · Compile names and addresses of your guests.
- Decide on wedding color scheme.
- Select your wedding attendants.
- Choose your dress and headpiece.

- Choose the bridesmaid's dresses and accessories.
- Select a travel agent and start planning for your honeymoon.
- If planning a honeymoon abroad, apply for passports.
- Discuss where you will live after the wedding.
- Choose music and musicians/soloists for the wedding ceremony
- Determine if you would like a band or DJ for the reception.

## Six to Nine Months Before the Wedding...

- Announce your engagement in the local newspaper.
- Plan and attend engagement party to get family and friends together beforehand.
- Register your preferences at the bridal registries of choice.
- Maintain records of all the gifts received & send thank you notes immediately upon receipt of the gifts.
- Select floral, balloonist, and/or ice sculpture, and discuss color schemes and designs.
- Begin shopping for men's wedding attire.
- Reserve rental supplies for your ceremony and reception.
- Choose mode of wedding transportation and book.

## Before the Wedding...

- Order invitations and other wedding stationary.
- Complete your wedding guest list.
- Help mothers of bride and groom coordinate and select their dresses.
- Ensure that all your bridal attire has been ordered.
- Check blood test and marriage license requirements.
- Make appointments for any immunizations needed.
- Select a baker and order your wedding cake, groom's cake and mints.
- Make your housing decision (to rent or buy a home).
- Get "pre-qualified" for a home loan if you are buying.
- · Purchase insurance for rings, wedding, and honeymoon.
- Schedule vacation time for wedding and honeymoon.

## **Two to Three Months** Before the Wedding...

- · Choose the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- · Start addressing invitations and announcements.
- Mail invitations.
- Make an appointment with your hairdresser.



