

A full-page photograph of a wedding couple on a rooftop terrace. The bride is in a long, white, lace-trimmed gown with a low back, and the groom is in a white suit. They are standing on a concrete walkway with a glass railing, looking at each other. In the background, a tall, modern glass skyscraper dominates the skyline, with other buildings and a cloudy sky visible.

The Wedding Checklist

From your Dream Photographers



Congratulations on your engagement! We are over-the-moon with getting to be a part of your wedding planning journey!!

Here at Dream Photo & Video, we strive to provide you with an exceptional experience by being with you every step of the way; we provide you with resources, recommendations on other reputable and experienced wedding professionals, and put together a perfect wedding day timeline. Together, we work towards helping ease all of the stress that may come with your wedding planning, making your whole wedding journey be an overall fun, enjoyable, and lovable experience. Because of this, we are always open towards offering our couples with advice, tips and tricks that can help take a load off of everything that must get done before and on the big day!

With the purpose of helping you out, we have put together a simple, easy-to-follow checklist that covers all of the NECESSARY and ESSENTIAL to-do tasks that will help you get started on your wedding planning! Our checklist allows you and your significant other to discover all of the tips and advice we offer in all areas that will help you make the wedding day of your dreams become a reality!

By checking off all of the activities and tasks on our checklist, you will be feeling your absolute best as you plan your big day and, of course, on the day of :)

We know that face-to-face meetings with vendors are not available due to recent events; fortunately, many vendors are

available for consultation through zoom or FaceTime.

So what are you waiting for? Get started on your wedding planning journey with our free SIMPLE, HELPFUL wedding planning checklist today!

And Remember, we are only one phone call or a click of email away if you need further help!!

HAVE FUN PLANNING!!

Your Dream Wedding Photographers,

Shiva & Sam

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WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

STRESS LESS BY FOLLOWING THIS CHECKLIST!

The unfortunate pandemic that has been taking over the world is affecting couples that are planning for their 2020-2021 weddings.

We've come up with a checklist to help you and try to minimize your stress while still adding that magical touch that comes with wedding planning!!



12 MONTHS

- * Choose a date
- * Talk budget
- * Decide Wedding style
- * Make a guest list
- * Explore ceremony & reception venue option
- * interview wedding photographers
- * Choose wedding party
- * Create wedding website
- * Begin browsing Save the Date
- * Create wedding style mood board on pinterest
- * Begin researching wedding dresses and veil styles

11-10 MONTHS

- * Interview wedding planners and hire one (Optional)
- * Reserve ceremony & reception venues
- * Purchase wedding dress, veil, undergarments
- * Select members of your wedding party
- * Book Photographer
- * Engagemnet Session

9-8 MONTHS

- * Book officiant
- * Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- * Send Save The Dates
- * Refine guest list
- * Create gift registry
- * Hire vacation planner for honeymoon
- * Review quick wedding timeline with your photographer

5-4 MONTHS

- * Order wedding cake
- * Meet with florist
- * Schedule dress fittings
- * Book room for wedding night
- * Order rehearsal dinner invitations
- * Prepare a playlist for DJ/Band
- * Finalize guest list
- * Compile rehearsal dinner guest list
- * Hire Videographer

7-6 MONTHS

- * Reserve rentals
- * Book transportation to and from venues
- * Research wedding day hair and makeup styles
- * Meet with officiant to discuss run down of ceremony
- * Choose cake style & schedule tastings
- * Hire ceremony musicians
- * Decide and order wedding party attire
- * Personalize & order wedding invitation sample
- * Purchase wedding band
- * order wedding invitation suite
- * Order thank you cards
- * Finalize honeymoon plans with vacation planner and ensure all documents are in order

3 MONTHS

- * Finalize readers & readings
- * Plan reception seating
- * Purchase toasting flutes, serving pieces, guestbook, flower basket and ring bearer pillow
- * Finalize reception menu with caterer
- * Order menu cards
- * Mail wedding invitations

2 MONTHS

- * Final dress fitting +bridal session
- * Hair & makeup trial
- * Begin writing vows
- * Review ceremony details with officiant
- * Finalize seating arrangements
- * Buy Wedding-Party/parents gifts
- * Apply for marriage license
- * Purchase gifts for guests
- * Lay out the content for wedding programs
- * Finalize fittings for wedding party and parents
- * Create wedding day timelines and send to vendors, officiant and wedding party
- * Decide on “something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue”
- * Book spa and beauty treatments for you and bridal party

1 WEEK

- * Prepare wedding day emergency kit
- * Give readers their scripts
- * Prepare final payments to vendors and cash tip envelopes ready
- * Lay out wedding clothes & gather all accessories
- * Purchase a steamer (If venue does not provide one)
- * Full body wax (optional)

1 MONTHS

- * Pick up marriage license
- * Call vendors to confirm date, time and location
- * Confirm honeymoon reservations
- * Pick up wedding rings
- * Order wedding programs
- * Write thank you notes as gifts are received
- * Order bridal photo and engagement Prints

2 WEEKS

- * Begin breaking in wedding shoes
- * Make arrangements for the caring of pets & plants while on honeymoon
- * Follow up with guests who have not RSVP'd
- * Give final guest count to caterer
- * Send playlists to DJ/Band/musicians
- * Get haircut & freshen up color
- * Update registries
- * Send directions to wedding day transportation driver
- * Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals & tend to wedding dress



DAY BEFORE

- * Treat yourself to mani/pedi and massage
- * Get your eyebrows done
- * Wax/Shave/Treat your full face/neck (optional)
- * Attend wedding rehearsal
- * HAVE FUN!!
- * Get to bed early

AFTER THE WEDDING

- * Ensure tuxes & all rentals have been returned
- * Get wedding dress to cleaners
- * Send out thank you cards no later than 3 weeks after wedding day
- * Talk to your photographer about printing photos and/or albums

WEDDING IN 6 MONTHS OR LESS?

For those of you that have a shorter engagement period, especially 6 months or less, condense and divide all the months before the 3 months mark.

WEDDING DAY

- * Eat some breakfast
- * Stay off your feet as much as possible
- * Allow plenty of time to get ready
- * Drink water! GET HYDRATED!
- * Take dress & veil out of the bag & steam if needed
- * lay out all items you want to be captured by photographer
- * Give officiant fee & wedding ring to best man
- * Exchange notes with fiancé
- * Relax, Smile & soak up every moment of the big day!

ENJOY PLANNING!

This may all seem so overwhelming. Believe me I get it, but if you stick to the timeline, your day should turn out beautifully! If you still feel like you and the boo need some help to divide and conquer, I recommend you look into hiring a coordinator to lift off most the stress of planning.

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“I truly appreciate how personal [Shiva] and Sam are. [They] really get to know the people [they] are working with. It makes it feel so much better vs working with someone who happens to have a camera. [They] care about [their] clients, the photos and the overall feel the day of. [They] both are genuinely good people and that is sometimes hard to find. It is a necessity in customer service and [Shiva] and Sam exceed in customer care.” Nicole and Kyle

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