

# C O O chi C O O cards

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## WEDDING PLANNING COUNTDOWN

### 12 to 18 Months before

- Announce your engagement to family and friends!
- Discuss the kind of day and ceremony you would like (Church or Civil)
- Set your budget
- Arrange meeting with minister/priest OR book registrar to set your date
- Visit reception venues and book (book your own accommodation and reserve for guests)
- Choose your bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Draft your guest list
- Book a photographer
- Start looking for the dress, make appointments with bridal boutiques

### 9 Months before

- Order your fabulous wedding dress
- Find your wedding stationer and discuss your requirements
- Finalise the guest list and send out Save The Date cards
- Book your florist
- Order your cake
- Book your caterer, hire tables and chairs, DJ/band (if not provided by venue)

### 6 Months before

- Order your wedding invitations and other wedding stationery
- Meet with hairdresser and make-up artist
- Go shopping for bridesmaids dresses
- Organise grooms and groomsmen's suits
- Book wedding cars
- Go for wedding dress fitting
- Order wedding rings
- Book your honeymoon (ensure your passports are valid and have any necessary inoculations)
- Order your table decorations
- Discuss and agree menu options with caterer/venue

### 3 to 4 Months before

- Send out wedding invitations, including gift list and directions to church/venue
- Buy wedding lingerie
- Discuss the service and bands with minister/priest/registrar (select hymns and readings)
- Choose the music for your ceremony and reception

### 2 Months before

- Reconfirm bookings with all suppliers
- Buy 'thank you' presents for bridal party
- Visit hairdresser and make-up artist for hair and veil, and make-up trials
- Prepare official documents for changing your name

### 1 Month before

- Confirm the order of service details with minister/priest and pass to your wedding stationer (including your own vows if required)
- Arrange your seating plan and place setting cards with your wedding stationer
- Have final dress fitting with whole outfit
- Write speeches
- Confirm that groom and groomsmen's suits are ready
- Enjoy hen and stag nights!

### 2 Weeks before

- Break in your wedding shoes
- Collect wedding rings
- Buy honeymoon currency
- Agree 'must take' shots with your photographer

### 1 Week before

- Bring your wedding dress home
- Pack for your honeymoon and confirm travel arrangements
- Confirm final guest count and meal requirements with caterer/venue
- Reconfirm details with all suppliers and venue (ensuring everything will be delivered to venue – flowers, cake, table decorations etc)
- Speak with bridal party to make sure everyone knows what they are doing on the day
- Have a spray tan
- Attend wedding rehearsal

### The day before

- Send a note/gift to be delivered to your bride tomorrow
- Help to decorate venue (if necessary)
- Have someone take your luggage to the hotel
- Have a manicure and pedicure
- Have a relaxing evening and early night

### On the day

- Relax and get ready
- Have someone in the wedding party distribute buttonholes and bouquets
- Enjoy and have a fantastic day!



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