

Marriage Works[©]

COUNTDOWN TO THE DAY

6 - 12 MONTHS AHEAD

- Set a date, time and location for the wedding and reception.
- Make a Guest List.
- Choose your wedding attendants.
- Choose your wedding dress or pattern and fabric.
- Book an official wedding photographer and/or videographer.
- Book a minister or celebrant.
- Organise catering, including the drinks.
- Choose and organise cars or some other transportation (horse-drawn carriages perhaps?) for the bridal party.
- Book your honeymoon location. If you are going overseas, check that your passports are current and enquire about visas.
- If it is necessary (and you are keen) start a health fitness program so that you feel your best on the day.
- Obtain a birth certificate.
- Decide on the music you would like for your reception and book the band and/or DJ

3 - 6 MONTHS AHEAD

- Book your Marriage Works premarriage mentoring course now.
- Make an appointment with a florist to discuss colours and suitable arrangements.
- Order stationery (invitations, place names for the table).
- Decide whether you need to hire party equipment such as tables, chairs, glasses, marquees - if so, make bookings now.
- Discuss wills and insurances.
- Select an MC for the reception.
- Plan details of the reception.
- If you are travelling overseas for your honeymoon, make enquiries about relevant inoculations.
- Register with a bridal gift service if you wish to (optional).
- Discuss your family planning with your doctor. Find out what is suitable for you.

2 MONTHS AHEAD

- Select a hairdresser and beautician.
- Order rings.
- Book and order the cake.
- Discuss the reception menu with the caterers.
- Book any wedding apparel you have decided to hire (groom's apparel).
- Mail wedding invitations and registry lists.
- Talk to photographer and/or videographer about your photo & video requirements.

4 WEEKS AHEAD

- Buy gifts for your attendants (optional).
- Confirm all the bookings you have made.
- Schedule a wedding rehearsal and notify all those involved.
- Plan seating arrangements for the reception.
- Organise name changes (i.e. new married name on bank accounts and legal documents etc).

2 WEEKS AHEAD

- Double check arrangements with photographer/videographer.
- Confirm guest numbers for the caterer and reception.
- Place wedding notices in the newspaper (optional).
- Check honeymoon bookings.
- Organise travellers cheques and overseas money if needed for the honeymoon.
- Buy rings or collect the ones you have ordered.

1 WEEK AHEAD

- All members of the bridal party collect and try on wedding outfits.
- Pack for the honeymoon, remember the passports.
- Confirm the transportation for the wedding and any other hired equipment.
- Organise someone to return all hired clothes and equipment after the wedding.
- Relax as much as possible.

THE DAY BEFORE

- Confirm when the flowers and cake are arriving.
- Confirm hair and makeup person.
- Have a manicure (optional).
- Lay out clothes ready for tomorrow.
- Eat well.
- Have a wedding rehearsal.
- Have a good night's sleep.

THE DAY

Enjoy the day, and have fun.

AFTER THE HONEYMOON

- Make appointment to see the photographer/videographer to collect the evidence.
- Send out the Thank You notes.