

# Bride's Checklist:

*Planning a wedding can be hectic and confusing. Jonathan Byrd's wants to help bring organization to your wedding preparation.*

*Take this check list with you and mark each item off upon completion.*

## **12 Months before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Announce the engagement to family and friends
- ♥ Set a wedding date
- ♥ Decide on date, style, budget, and color of wedding
- ♥ Create wedding planning notebook to keep all records and contracts in
- ♥ Create a record keeping system to keep track of all of the gifts received throughout the occasion.
- ♥ Decide on attendants and ask them if they would like to participate in the special occasion
- ♥ Visit and book a reception site  
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- ♥ Contact caterers, make appointments and book  
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- ♥ Shop for and order wedding dress and accessories
- ♥ Book the clergy performing the ceremony
- ♥ Contact photographers videographers and book
- ♥ Find a florist and book
- ♥ Book musicians
- ♥ Take picture for engagement announcement

## **8 to 11 Months before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Establish a guest list
- ♥ Go shopping with attendants to select and order attire including dress and tuxedos, shoes and accessories.
- ♥ Order wedding invitations and stationary  
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- ♥ Submit engagement announcement to your local newspaper
- ♥ Make final decisions on all vendors you will use

## **4 to 7 Months before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Make arrangements to obtain marriage license
- ♥ Make arrangements with groom's parents for rehearsal dinner reservations  
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- ♥ Finish revising guest list
- ♥ Make appointment with clergy to discuss rehearsal and wedding arrangements

## **1 to 3 Months before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Address and mail wedding invitations
- ♥ Buy wedding attendant's gifts  
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- ♥ Make final music selections and arrangements
- ♥ Make sure all of the vendors have deposits

## **1 to 2 Weeks before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Notify caterer of final guest count
- ♥ Arrange head table setting and guest table seating
- ♥ Pick up wedding gown and all bridesmaids' gowns
- ♥ Reconfirm all final arrangements with clergy, florist, caterer, reception facility
- ♥ Remind all attendants and close family of rehearsal dinner details
- ♥ Pack for honeymoon if it is immediately after wedding
- ♥ Obtain marriage license if have not done yet
- ♥ Look through your wedding planning notebook and make sure every aspect of the wedding is covered
- ♥ Make a rough time schedule of entire wedding and reception and review it

## **1 to 3 Days before the Big Day:**

- ♥ Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner and give attendants gifts
- ♥ Pack everything you will need at the church and reception including all emergency items

## **The Big Day**

- ♥ Go to appointment with hair stylist and make up stylist
- ♥ Allow two to three Hours to get dressed And ready to walk Down the aisle

**RELAX ENJOY THE DAY!**

