12-month checklist

From 12+ months out to the day after · tick as you go, add your own tasks

12+ MONTHS OUT

- [ ] Set a rough total budget and agree who is contributing
- [ ] Agree on a guest-count range and your top priorities
- [ ] Start a draft guest list (both sides)
- [ ] Choose a season or date range
- [ ] Tour and book ceremony and reception venues
- [ ] Decide whether to hire a planner or day-of coordinator

9-11 MONTHS

- [ ] Book photographer and videographer
- [ ] Book caterer (if not included with the venue)
- [ ] Book DJ or band
- [ ] Book officiant
- [ ] Start shopping for wedding attire
- [ ] Create a wedding website with the key details

6-8 MONTHS

- [ ] Send save-the-dates
- [ ] Book florist, rentals and transportation
- [ ] Order wedding attire
- [ ] Book hair and makeup
- [ ] Reserve hotel room blocks for guests
- [ ] Plan the honeymoon
- [ ] Set up a gift registry

4-5 MONTHS

- [ ] Order invitations and stationery
- [ ] Schedule the catering menu tasting
- [ ] Choose wedding party attire
- [ ] Plan the rehearsal dinner
- [ ] Order rings
- [ ] Research marriage license requirements for your county/state

Full kit (Excel/Sheets with budget, guest list, seating + 17-page PDF): quietstack-labs.github.io/wedding-planner-2027

PLANNING AID ONLY - NOT LEGAL OR FINANCIAL ADVICE

Budget percentages are editable examples, not recommendations. Check marriage license rules with your county/state and read every vendor contract before you sign or pay.