

How To Plan Your Gay Wedding Checklist

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Listed below are all the topics discussed in our official “[How To Plan Your Gay Wedding Guide](#)” consolidated into an easy-to-print document. This is an easy way to start planning and see an overview of the tasks to be done along the timeline to your big day

9-12 Months From Wedding Day

- Announce your engagement
- Decide a wedding date
- Hire a wedding consultant
- Selecting the wedding style you want: time of day, formality, number of guests, location, etc.
- Determine budget and how expenses will be distributed
- Develop a record-keeping system for payments made
- Form the complete guest list (your guests and your partners guests broken down into three categories)
 1. Essential Guests to be Invited
 2. Those Who Should Be Invited
 3. Those Who Should Invited If Possible
- Select and reserve ceremony site
- Select and reserve reception site
- Select and reserve your officiate
- Select and order your wedding attire (suits, bridal gowns and headpieces)
- Select your color scheme
- Buy a wedding calendar to record any and all important dates
- Interview Photographers, Videographers, DJ’s, Wedding Band, Florists
- Select maid of honor or mister of honor, best man or best woman, bridesmaids and ushers

6-9 Months From Wedding

- Send Save-The-Date Cards
- Set up your wedding website – choose a hashtag you’ll use to track photos on social media
- Select flower girl and ring bearer
- Reserve wedding night honeymoon suite
- Select attendant’s dresses, shoes, and accessories
- Select and book caterer
- Select and reserve ceremony/reception musicians
- Schedule fittings and delivery dates for yourself, attendants, flower girl and ring bearer
- Select and book videographer
- Select and book photographer
- Select and book florist

4-6 Months From Wedding Day

- Reserve rental items needed for ceremony and reception (chairs, tables, tents, photo booth etc)
- Complete total guest list
- Purchase Wedding Announcements; Thank You Notes; Invitations & Envelopes; Ceremony Programs; Response Cards & Envelopes; Seating Cards; Location Map; Napkins; and Other Stationery
- Address invitations or hire a calligrapher
- Set date, time and location for your rehearsal dinner
- Select and book all other necessary services (ex. Valet parking, wedding registry)
- Purchase shoes and accessories

2-4 Months From Wedding Day

- Select bakery and order wedding cake
- Order party favors
- Select and order room decorations
- Purchase honeymoon attire and luggage
- Select and book transportation for wedding day
- Check marriage license requirements
- Shop for wedding rings and engrave them
- Consider writing a will and/or prenuptial agreement

6-8 Weeks From Wedding Day

- Mail invitations. Include accommodation choices and address for ceremony and reception sites.
- Maintain a record of RSVPs and all gifts received. Send thank you notes upon receipt of gifts.
- Decide hair style and or makeup if this applies
- Schedule to have your hair, makeup and nails done the day of the wedding
- Finalize shopping for wedding day accessories ie... toasting glasses, ring pillow, guest book
- Set up an area or a table in your home to display gifts as you receive them
- Check with your local newspapers for wedding announcement requirements
- Have your formal wedding portrait taken
- Send wedding announcement and photograph to your local newspapers
- Change name and address on driver's license, social security card, insurance policies, subscriptions, bank accounts, memberships, etc.
- Select and reserve wedding attire for groom, ushers, father of the bride and ring bearer
- Select a guest book attendant. Decide where and when to have guests sign in.
- Mail invitations to rehearsal dinner
- Obtain marriage license
- Plan a luncheon or dinner with your bridesmaids/groomsmen. Give them their gifts at that time. or at the rehearsal dinner.
- Finalize you menu, beverage and alcohol order

Two to Six Weeks Before Wedding

- Confirm ceremony details with your officiant
- Arrange final fitting of bridesmaids' dresses
- BRIDES:** Have final fitting of your gown and headpiece
- Finalize rehearsal dinner plans; arrange seating and write names on place cards (optional)
- Make final floral selections
- Make a detailed timeline for your wedding party
- Make a detailed timeline for your service providers
- Confirm details with all service providers. Give them a copy of your wedding timeline.
- Start packing for your honeymoon
- Contact guests who haven't responded
- Pick up rings and check for fit
- Make a detailed timeline for your wedding party
- Make a detailed timeline for your service providers
- Continue writing thank-you notes as gifts arrive
- Remind bridesmaids/groomsmen and ushers of when and where to pick up their wedding attire
- Form a wedding ceremony/reception seating chart and give to ushers.
- Make arrangements for the care of any pets you may have

The Last Week

- Pick up wedding attire and make sure everything fits
- Do final guest count and notify your caterer or reception site manager
- Gather everything you will need for the rehearsal and wedding day
- Arrange for someone to drive the getaway car
- Review wedding event schedule and last minute arrangements with your service providers
- Confirm all honeymoon reservations and accommodations. Pick up tickets and travelers check.
- Finish packing your suitcases for the honeymoon
- Familiarize yourself with guests' names. It will come in handy during the receiving line and reception.
- Have the Post Office hold your mail while you are away on your honeymoon

The Rehearsal

- Review list of things to bring to the rehearsal
- Put suitcases in getaway car
- Give your bridesmaids the lipstick, nail polish and accessories you want them to wear for the wedding
- Pay officiant's fee and write checks for service providers
- Instruct wedding consultant or designated person to deliver these checks the day of the wedding.
- Arrange for someone to bring accessories such as flower basket, ring pillow, guest book and pen, signs, toasting glasses, cake cutting knife and napkins to the ceremony and reception
- Arrange for someone to return rental items after the wedding
- Provide each member of your wedding party with a detailed schedule for the wedding day
- Review ceremony seating with ushers

Wedding Day

- Review list of things to bring to the ceremony
- Give one ring to the maid of honor/ mister of honor. Give one ring to the best man/best woman
- Follow your detailed schedule of events

After The Wedding Day

- Send Thank You notes to guests who gave gifts.

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