



Orainda's Bridal Boutique

The Wedding Year Countdown

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ SEND OUT ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS OR SAVE THE DATE CARDS
- ❖ PLAN AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY
- ❖ DISCUSS WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS WITH FAMILY
- ❖ DISCUSS WEDDING BUDGET WITH FAMILY
- ❖ MEET WITH A WEDDING PLANNER TO START PLANNING
- ❖ FINALIZE WEDDING DATE
- ❖ DECIDE ON CEREMONY AND RECEPTION VENUES
- ❖ DECIDE AND BOOK PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER
- ❖ SELECT BRIDAL PARTY ASKING THEM TO BE PART OF YOUR WEDDING
- ❖ PREPARE INVITE LIST
- ❖ CREATE A WEDDING WEBSITE ON WWW.MYWEDDING.COM

10-11 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ DETERMINE YOUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS THAT YOU WANT IN YOUR CEREMONY
- ❖ SELECT AND MEET WITH WEDDING OFFICIANT

8-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ SIGN UP FOR PREMARITAL COUNSELING, IF REQUIRED
- ❖ BRIDE WILL NEED TO FIND HER WEDDING GOWN AND PURCHASE GOWN, VEIL, ACCESSORIES, LINGERIE AND SHOES (HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF SHOES AND BRING WITH TO APPOINTMENTS TO FIND THE DRESS)
- ❖ BRIDESMAIDS AND FLOWER GIRLS WILL NEED TO ORDER THEIR DRESSES

6-7 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ MOTHERS WILL NEED TO PURCHASE DRESSES
- ❖ GO AROUND AND REGISTER FOR GIFTS AT REGISTRIES
- ❖ PROVIDE DEPOSITS TO VENDORS TO SECURE SERVICES
- ❖ START BOOKING YOUR HONEYMOON, AIRFARE, HOTEL, RENTAL CARS, PASSPORTS, ETC.
- ❖ ARRANGE OUT OF TOWN ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GUESTS (RESERVE A BLOCK)
- ❖ SIGN ALL CONTRACTS FOR VENDORS (REVIEW WITH YOUR WEDDING PLANNER)

5 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ SELECT INVITATION DESIGN AND ORDER
- ❖ SELECT MUSIC FOR WEDDING AND RECEPTION
- ❖ WRITE OUT A DO NOT PLAY LIST AND PLEASE PLAY LIST FOR BAND OR DJ
- ❖ FINALIZE WEDDING GUEST LIST

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ REVIEW BUDGET TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE STILL ON TRACK
- ❖ PURCHASE WEDDING RINGS
- ❖ GROOM AND GROOMSMEN PICK OUT TUXEDOS AND SHOES, GET FITTED
- ❖ MEET WITH CATERER FOR TASTINGS AND MENU OPTIONS
- ❖ MEET WITH FLORIST FOR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION FLOWERS
- ❖ OUTLINE WEDDING PROGRAM AND WHO WILL BE HANDLING THE GUEST BOOK AND PROGRAMS
- ❖ OUTLINE REQUESTED SPEAKERS AT RECEPTION AND ORDER OF EVENTS
- ❖ RESERVE HONEYMOON SUITE FOR WEDDING NIGHT
- ❖ RESERVE LOCATION FOR REHEARSAL DINNER AND/OR DAY-AFTER WEDDING BRUNCH

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ BRIDE MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR HAIR, MAKE-UP AND NAIL CARE
- ❖ FINALIZE ALL MENUS FOR RECEPTION
- ❖ FINALIZE READINGS AND POEMS FOR CEREMONY
- ❖ MEET WITH OFFICIANT TO REVIEW CEREMONY AND VOWS
- ❖ FINALIZE LOCATION AND TIME FOR THE REHEARSAL DINNER
- ❖ MAIL OUT INVITES OR GET LIST TO PLANNER FOR MAIL OUT

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- ❖ BRIDE AND BRIDESMAIDS START FITTINGS AND FOLLOW UP FITTINGS
- ❖ BRIDE GUEST LIST FOR BRIDAL SHOWER TO MAID OF HONOR
- ❖ GROOM GUEST LIST FOR BACHELOR PARTY TO BEST MAN
- ❖ BRIDE PURCHASE GOING AWAY OUTFIT

1 MONTH BEFORE

- ❖ OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE
- ❖ PICK UP WEDDING RINGS
- ❖ FINALIZE LIST OF PHOTOS YOU WANT TAKEN, TALK TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER
- ❖ PURCHASE GIFTS FOR ATTENDANTS, PARENTS, USHERS AND EACH OTHER

3 WEEKS BEFORE

- ❖ SEATING CHART MUST BE COMPLETE AND READY TO WRITE UP
- ❖ BRIDE TRIAL HAIR AND MAKE-UP RUN, CONFIRM WEDDING DAY APPOINTMENT

- ❖ PREPARE ANY SPEECHES FOR THE RECEPTION
- ❖ FOLLOW UP ON MISSING RSVP'S

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ❖ BRIDE AND BRIDESMAIDS PICK UP WEDDING GOWN AND DRESSES
- ❖ BRIDE FIND YOUR SOMETHING BORROWED, BLUE, OLD AND NEW
- ❖ GROOM PLEASE CUT YOUR HAIR
- ❖ GROOM CONFIRM YOU AND YOUR GROOMSMEN TUXEDO RENTALS

1 WEEK BEFORE

- ❖ PICK UP MARRIAGE LICENSE
- ❖ PREPARE FINAL CHECKS WITH GRATUITY TO PERSON WHOM WILL ENSURE PAYMENTS ARE TAKEN CARE OF (PARENT OR WEDDING PLANNER)
- ❖ PACK FOR HONEYMOON OR WEDDING NIGHT
- ❖ PUT STOP ON MAIL AND NEWSPAPER IF NEEDED

2 DAYS BEFORE

- ❖ GROOM AND GROOMSMEN PICK UP TUXEDOS
- ❖ BRIDE AND BRIDESMAIDS HAVE YOUR MANI-PEDI DAY
- ❖ GIVE GIFTS TO PARENTS AND TO EACH OTHER
- ❖ CONFIRM ALL TIMES WITH WHOLE PARTY

DAY BEFORE WEDDING

- ❖ ATTEND REHEARSAL - BE EARLY
- ❖ RINGS TO ATTENDANTS FOR SAFE KEEPING TILL EXCHANGE NEXT DAY
- ❖ ATTEND WEDDING REHEARSAL DINNER RELAX AND HAVE FUN WITH FAMILY
- ❖ IF ABLE TO DECORATE GET INTO LOCATIONS AND FINISH DECORATING
- ❖ GIVE GIFTS TO BRIDAL PARTY AS A THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF YOUR BIG DAY
- ❖ GO TO BED EARLY SO YOU LOOK YOUR BEST

THE BIG DAY

- ❖ WAKE UP WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO GET READY FOR THE BIG DAY
- ❖ EAT, EAT, EAT, THIS DAY WILL GO BY SO FAST THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SUGAR SHORT AND NOT AT YOUR BEST.
- ❖ BREATHE YOU MADE IT TO THE BIG DAY!