Wedding Planning Checklist

WEDDING DATE _____

GUEST COUNT _____

TOTAL BUDGET _____

12 TO 11 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Set the total budget
- [ ] Draft the guest list
- [ ] Book the venue
- [ ] Start a folder for contracts and receipts
- [ ]
- [ ]

10 TO 9 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Book the photographer
- [ ] Book the caterer
- [ ] Choose your wedding party
- [ ]
- [ ]

8 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Send save-the-dates
- [ ] Shop for wedding attire
- [ ] Book the florist
- [ ] Book music or a DJ
- [ ] Book the officiant
- [ ] Start a gift registry
- [ ]
- [ ]

5 TO 3 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Plan the honeymoon
- [ ] Order invitations
- [ ] Book hair and makeup
- [ ] Order the rings
- [ ]
- [ ]

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- [ ] Send invitations
- [ ] Get the marriage license (check your state's rules)
- [ ] Plan the seating chart
- [ ]
- [ ]

1 MONTH BEFORE

- [ ] Final dress or suit fitting
- [ ] Write your vows
- [ ] Give the caterer a final headcount (about 2 weeks before)
- [ ] Confirm vendor payment dates
- [ ]
- [ ]

FINAL WEEK

- [ ] Confirm every vendor and the day's timeline
- [ ] Pack an emergency kit for the day
- [ ] Rehearsal
- [ ] Rest and drink plenty of water
- [ ]
- [ ]

Tip: write the date next to each step when you finish it. It makes a handy record for later.