



## 18-Month Wedding Planner

18 Months Out

- Create your guest lists;
  - Full day guests
  - Post meal celebrations or "evening guests"

**Top Tip: Download Your Guest List planner from the "BWB" Website**
- Set out the priorities for your wedding and create a budget reflecting this
- Research Venues and their available Packages
- Schedule Venue viewings
- Provisionally hold a date with your chosen Venue
- If a church wedding meet with the priest/parish secretary to discuss availability
- Confirm wedding date with your Venue

14-16 Months Out

- If considering having a Civil Ceremony, research this and book a marriage notification appointment on the HSE website
- If considering a church wedding arrange a date for the pre-marriage courses
- Block book wedding guest accommodation and arrange discount codes
- Choose and cordially invite your wedding party

12-14 Months Out

- Finalise guest list and guest addresses for invites
- **Top Tip: Utilise the "BWB" Guest List planner to make things Easy!**
- Start a gathering inspiration and ideas you like for your day. I recommend Instagram and Pinterest! Approach with Caution, you will get carried away!
- Choose invite supplier and choose a design
- Start browsing Wedding Dresses! Try not to set your heart on anything until you try it on but do get a feel for what you think your style might be.
- Research Wedding Vendors for your day, Invite suppliers, ceremony officiant, ceremony music, Band and DJ, Photographer & Videographer, Florist, Make-up Artist and Hair Stylist

12 Months Out

- Send out save the dates with accommodation options so people can start booking their bedrooms or alternative accommodation, Air BnB's etc.
- **Top Tip: Do this electronically, as its quick, easy, cheap and eco-friendly!**
- Start wedding dress shopping! Take your time don't rush into a decision. Attend Trunk shows and the most important HAVE FUN!
- **Top Tip: bring proper undergarments/shapewear, heels and take plenty of photos!**
- Enjoy a nice "12 months until Forever" Date Night!



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10-11 Months Out

- Choose suits with the groom for both him and the groomsmen
- Choose bridesmaids dresses
- Research ideas for wedding favours
- If you are considering ordering from Wish, Etsy, Ali-Express etc for any novelty items or decor order now to ensure they arrive in plenty of time!
- Choose an officiant if opting for a civil, spiritual or humanist ceremony

8-10 Months Out

- Schedule a date for groomsmen and bridesmaids fittings
- Start Organising dates for the Stag and Hen nights / weekends
- Stuff invitations and address the envelopes using your invite list
- Order the wedding favours
- Confirm bookings with Vendors, Ceremony officiant, Ceremony music, Band and DJ, Photographer & Videographer, Florist, Make-up Artist and Hair Stylist

6-8 Months Out

- Schedule Hair and Makeup trials
- ***Top Tip: try to tie this in with your engagement shoot if you decide to do one or with your Hen weekend***
- Purchase Wedding accessories
  - Shoes, ring pillow, candles, flower girl baskets, pens, guest book, cake knife, any additional Décor/ D.I.Y bits you might need
- Design the programmes for ceremony

4-6 Months Out

- Stuff your invites and address the envelopes (this is where having compiled your Guest List will make life easier!)
- Purchase or order gifts for Bridesmaids, Groomsmen and Family.
- Meet with your priest/officiant to discuss your ceremony
- Finalise marriage licence with the HSE
- Enjoy your Hen/Stag Nights/Weekend!



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3 Months Out

- Arrange cake tastings with your chosen cake supplier
- Arrange menu & wine tastings with your venue
- Finalise and order programmes for ceremony
- Pay the people!
  - Normally 3 months out the Venue will require a certain percentage of the overall cost of the wedding to be paid, this should be outlined in your contract. In addition to this a lot of your vendors will require payment in advance, however this will vary from supplier to supplier.
- Send out your invites!

2 Months Out

- Schedule an appointment for teeth cleaning for both of you
- Create a shot list for your photographer and videographer if there are any specific photos or shots from the day that you had in mind or wanted.
- A request list for the band and/or DJ of any "must play" songs
  - Mr.Brightside, Maniac 2000, Rock the Boat etc...
- Purchase some wedding lingerie and/or Spanx
  - SAUCY
- Schedule the necessary time off work

6-8 Weeks Out

- Organise your RSVPs and follow up with those you haven't received yet  
***Top Tip: Ask your venue for a table layout of your ballroom before you start your table plan. This should help you visualise what table numbers will be where in the ballroom thus ensuring that your family and friends are located exactly where you had in mind.***
- Finalise your wine and menu selection after your menu tasting with your Venue
- Finalise your wedding cake selection following your cake tasting
- Schedule your final dress fitting



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2-6 Weeks Out

- Break in those wedding shoes!  
***Top Tip ; Wear them around the house, practising your first dance as often as you can. Your future self will thank you!***
- Finalise your table plan and submit it to your venue and/or table plan printers
- Confirm your final numbers with your venue
- Book Beauty appointments for the week before the wedding:
  - Hair appointments (cut and colour)
  - Manicures and pedicures for you and the Bridesmaids
  - Tanning appointments
  - Brows and Eyelash tinting
  - Waxing appointment
- Reconfirm Days, Dates and times with all of your vendors one last time!

1 Week Out

- Pick up the suits and dresses
- Send Wedding day checklist and timeline to the Bridal party
- Designate any last minute or wedding day jobs to specific people
  - For example, helping move flowers from the church to the venue
- Pack a bag for the night of the wedding/ day after the wedding, to drop off at the venue the night before the wedding
- Set aside any last payments required by suppliers on the day /or any tips for suppliers in separate clearly labelled envelopes.
- Have a date night with your soon to be Spouse and just relax and enjoy each other's company before the craziness begins
- Reconfirm final numbers with the venue as sometimes you will have last minute changes
- Put together an itemised list of what you are dropping off and how you would like it set up (e.g. luggage to be left to the Bridal suite, items for a memory table or DIY décor for the tables or drinks reception.)

The Day Before

- Enjoy a manicure and pedicure with your Bridesmaids
- Pack an emergency kit
  - Bobby pins, plasters, a tampon, paracetamol/ ibuprofen as well as your makeup necessities
- Drop off any décor items and luggage to the venue and supply them with the itemised list
- Enjoy a chilled-out evening with your nearest and dearest and try your best to get an early night!