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Wedding planner

Your engagement

- Announce it to the world – flash that ring!
- Set the wedding date
- Arrange an engagement party

9-12 months before

- Set a budget – who's paying for what
- Compile a guest list
- Decide style of wedding (church/celebrant)
- Visit some venues and book that perfect place
- Choose the wedding colour scheme
- Start frock shopping or choose a dressmaker

6-9 months before

- Choose who will be in the wedding party
- Order your wedding dress
- Shop for the bridesmaids' dresses, accessories and shoes and arrange fittings
- Organise the groomsmen to try on suits
- Choose a florist and book
- Choose a photographer and video company
- Book a band or DJ for the reception
- Organise music for the ceremony
- Choose your wedding transport and book

4-6 months before

- Complete guest list
- Order invitation cards and stationery
- Choose and buy wedding rings
- Choose a master of ceremonies
- Plan and book wedding night and honeymoon
- Compile gift list or contact a gift registry

2-4 months before

- Arrange wedding rehearsal

- Meet venue to discuss menus, wine lists, etc
- Design and book your wedding cake
- Choose ceremony and reception music

4-8 weeks before

- Collect, write and mail invitations
- Confirm details with florist, photographer, band/DJ, transportation, venue, church/celebrant, cake
- Arrange hair, make-up, spray-tanning trials and book for the wedding day
- Have programs printed for the ceremony
- Buy or make bomboniere
- Plan hen's/buck's nights

2-4 weeks before

- Decide on the seating plan
- Finalise numbers for the venue with list of guests, seating plan and place cards
- Enjoy the hen's/buck's nights
- Final fitting of outfits
- Draw up an order of the day
- Have hair, make-up and tanning trial

1 week before

- Finalise all arrangements with venue, florist, photographer, cake, etc (for peace of mind)
- Put cheques/payment in envelopes for band, DJ, minister/celebrant etc
- Wedding rehearsal

The day before

- Pack for the honeymoon

The big day

- Have a glass of champagne and relax!