

“Stressed Out Brides” Wedding Timetable

Welcome to your **FREE** copy of “*Stressed Out Brides Wedding Timetable*” this guide has been designed to help with your wedding planning and give you some idea of the timelines you may require.

Please remember every situation is different and you might have to adjust certain things to suit your requirements.



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And now we need to get some boring stuff out of the way before we proceed.....

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*Items written in red should be completed by yourselves before announcing to the world that you are engaged!
We know it is difficult but holding back for a wee while will be beneficial in the long run.*

What Needs To Be Done.	
 When Complete	18 – 12 Months Prior To The Wedding
	<p>Talk, talk and talk (To each other only - do not tell anyone else at this stage) making a list of everything you can possibly think of that is going to need to be done. This timetable will give you a lot of ideas so scroll through it and talk about everything. Have fun. <i><u>This item should not be ticked off for months!!</u></i></p>
	Decide what time of year you want to get married. This will help when selecting your theme and with setting the date.
	At this stage you will have no idea what it will cost so just write down what you would like to have at your wedding. You can add to this (or reduce the list) later.
	Once you have done this initial homework you can discuss your plans with your parents but you must swear them to secrecy for a while longer. Your parents will be bursting to tell everyone but implore them to hold off for a while.
	Now comes the tricky part. Discuss with your parents who will pay for what or if they will simply contribute towards your wedding. It is vitally important that you have some sort of figure on which to base your budget.
	Set a budget.
	Select a theme and set a wedding date. This could well be determined by your budget. Remember out of season and midweek weddings are less expensive. Refer to the “Stressed Out Brides Survival Guide”
	Determine how big a wedding you want. How many guests will be allocated to each family and how will that be split? This number and the budget will determine how much you can spend on venues and vendors. Remember each guest costs money.
	Select the preferred location for the wedding ceremony and for the reception.
	Now ask yourselves if you still want to get married. LOL! If the answer is YES then go ahead and announce your engagement to the world. <i>Congratulations there is no going back!</i>
	Start getting quotes from vendors. Where possible do not tell them it is for a wedding – they somehow seem to increase the prices if you do this.
	Go out and look at as many wedding dresses as you can. Do not take any money or any credit cards with you. Also surf the Internet.
	Subscribe to a few bridal magazines . These will give you lots of ideas and tips.
	Speak to people who have recently been married. Ask them questions about the things you are not sure of or are a bit nervous about.

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12 – 9 Months Prior To The Wedding	
	Review marriage laws for your state or country and meet with the Officiant who will be presiding over your ceremony. Make sure you know and understand the legal requirements.
	Meet with both families to review the wedding guest lists.
	Decide if you need a wedding consultant or planner for all or part of the process.
	Confirm and book the venues for the ceremony and the reception.
	Decide on your color scheme. Keep looking at all the wedding dresses out there. Don't be tempted just yet as you will likely find exactly what you want at a bargain price if you remain patient and alert.
	Eat only healthy foods, reduce alcohol and nicotine content, drink lots of water and get a regular amount of sleep each night. This will save you putting on weight and having to go on a crash diet. Your skin, hair and nails and general health will all be at its best if you start a healthy life style now!
	Start selecting your vendors: photographer, videographer, caterer, floral designer, disc jockey or band, hairstylist and make-up artist. Where ever possible use family and friends - if they are competent - to save on costs.
	Discuss with each vendor what you want and expect on the day.
9 – 6 Months Prior To The Wedding.	
	Meet with both families again to discuss wedding lists. Remember guests cost money. Agree on final numbers and enter all names and addresses in data base.
	Decide on your bridal party. You do need to select the bridal party early. Holding back will give you the opportunity to be certain of the people you want in the bridal party. Look around some of the bridal forums to see how many brides regret selecting their bridesmaids and maid-of-honor to early.
	Decide on and reserve transportation for the bridal party.
	Select bridesmaids' and maid-of-honors attire.
	<i>Yes</i> you can now finally select your wedding dress. You've seen so many by now you should know exactly what you want, where to get it and what it will cost.
	Make tentative accommodation reservations for likely out of town guests. Remember you won't have final figures until you have sent out the invites and had replies.
	Determine your honeymoon location and make all reservations including flights.
	Make reservations for the bridal party's rehearsal dinner.
	Select groom and grooms men's attire.

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6 – 4 Months Prior To Your Wedding.	
	Meet (physically) with each of your vendors and confirm that all is exactly as you want it.
	Order all wedding attire.
	Buy the wedding rings.
	Order the wedding cake
	Order or make the stationery plus all other printed matter – napkins, thank-you notes etc.
	Register for gifts. You will have had so many ideas from your magazines and the Internet.
	Assist parents with their attire – especially the mothers. This is a fun and exciting time.
	Purchase accessories (veil, handbag, shoes and jewelery). Wear your shoes in to save blisters on the day.
	Schedule leave from work.
	Keep drinking lots of water and getting enough (lots) of sleep.
4 -2 Months Prior To You Wedding	
	Chase up wedding attire and confirm availability and delivery date.
	Mail out invitations.
	Check on marriage laws and secure licenses and complete all formalities.
	Buy ceremonial and reception accessories (ring pillow, toasting glasses, favors, guest book, disposable cameras etc.)
	Purchase gifts for attendants.
	Meet with Officiant and confirm vows for the ceremony. Select readings for the ceremony.
	Finalize catering (including bar) arrangements.
	Confirm with vendors that all is going according to plan.
	Schedule a full live rehearsal with both your hairstylist and make-up artist as if it was your wedding day. Be absolutely certain you are happy with the final results.
	If you intend waxing for the first time have it done now so that you can repeat it just prior to your wedding. Your skin may have an adverse reaction and you don't want to find that out the day before your wedding.
	Attend any dress fittings that may be required.

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2 – 1 Month Prior To Your Wedding.	
	Attend any further dress fittings and make sure the bridal party all do the same.
	Chase up invitees who haven't yet replied. The Invite clearly said R.S.V.P.!
	Meet with vendors again and confirm that they are well prepared and know what is expected of them. Remember they operate on the basis of “Oil the wheel that squeaks loudest” so don't be soft on them as you could regret this later.
	If you haven't already done so wear your shoes in.
	Get enough sleep and keep eating healthily. You can pig out soon!
	Complete marriage license formalities for your region.
1 Month Before Your Wedding.	
	Final dress fittings.
	Schedule final appointment with your hairdresser and make-up artist.
	Write toasts and speeches for the wedding.
	Confirm honey moon reservations.
	Obtain marriage license.
	Finalize guest numbers and advise caterer.
	Revisit your original list and see that everything is completed.
	Oops! Nearly forgot to confirm bridal party confirmation.
	Confirm with bridal party, parents, officiant and everyone involved that plans are proceeding as required.
	Have a girls weekend with your girlfriends.
1 Week Prior To Your Wedding.	
	Bachelorette and bachelor parties.
	Rehearsal dinner
	Pack for your wedding and honey moon.
	Get lots of sleep.
	Ensure all wedding accessories are where (or with whom) they should be. Go through your checklists again.

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The Night Before Your Wedding.

Don't see your man!

Get lots of sleep. Good luck with this one.

Your Wedding Day

You have a full schedule to-day but try to remember to eat something before the wedding.

Try to relax. This is your day and you should have others running around doing any final preparations.

Post Wedding

Let us know how it went.

Notes