

Wedding Checklist

Your Essential Planning Guide

DO IT TODAY

- Tell relatives and close friends of your plans
- Set your date with your Minister, Priest or Rabbi
- If it's a Civil Ceremony, book the Register Office or approved venue
- Set a budget and decide who's doing what
- Choose your bridesmaid, best man and other attendants
- Decide on the number of guests and draw up a list with both sets of parents
- Visit possible venues for your reception - if it's a popular place, book it asap!

SIX to NINE MONTHS to go

- Book your Photographer - Call Claire today on 0789 4877 920
- Organise Wedding Insurance
- Discuss menu options and pricing with caterers
- Make your all-important bookings for the Reception
- The fun bit - look for your Dress and the attendants' outfits
- Begin your Bridal Beauty regime

THREE MONTHS to go

- Arrange a second meeting with your Minister, Priest or Rabbi and agree a date for publication of the Banns. If the Wedding is taking place in a church other than the Church of England, notice must be given to the Superintendent Registrar
- Choose the Ceremony music, book the musicians
- Order your Wedding Cake
- Order your Wedding Stationary
- Decide on the Florist and discuss your perfect Bouquet
- Arrange fittings of your Wedding Dress
- Discuss your Bridal Hairstyle ideas with your Hairdresser
- Book your first night and Honeymoon
- Check Passports - your surname on your passport must match the name on your travel documents
- Arrange Jobs
- Choose your Wedding Rings
- Book the Wedding Cars to and from the Ceremony / Reception
- Organise your gift list with your chosen company
- Post your Invitations complete with your Gift List details

TWO MONTHS to go

- Finalise the Order of Service and order the Printed Sheets
- Reconfirm all your prior bookings
- Book Hairdresser and Make-Up appointments for the wedding morning
- Send out Thank-you notes as gifts start to arrive
- Buy all your Accessories
- Check the Groom and Best Man have organised their Wedding Clothes
- Choose presents for all your attendants

ONE MONTH to go

- Type up a list of Must-Take shots and send it to your Photographer at info@clairelouisephotography.com
- Compile a Wedding Playlist for your DJ and start practising your first dance

TWO WEEKS to go

- Try on your Dress and practise walking around in those gorgeous shoes
- Confirm the number of Guests with your Caterer and draw up a seating plan

ONE WEEK to go

- Check and confirm all Wedding arrangements
- Have a Rehearsal at the Venue if necessary
- Confirm Photographer, Flowers, Transport, etc
- Start packing for your Honeymoon and order your Travellers Cheques

THE DAY BEFORE

- Decorate the Venue - or get someone else to!
- Organise the Cake to be delivered to the Reception
- Treat yourself to a manicure
- Have your Honeymoon Luggage sent to your Venue
- De-Stress, have a long Bath and an early night

ON THE BIG DAY

- Relax - give yourself plenty of time to get ready
- Have the Bouquets, Buttonholes and Corsages delivered or collected from the Florist
- The Mother-of-the-Bride and Bridesmaids leave first, then the Bride and her Father
- The Groom and the Best Man make their own way there and should arrive at least 30 minutes before the Bride
- Speeches are usually made as Coffee is served. The Brides Father speaks first, followed by the Groom, then the Best Man
- Traditionally, the Bride and Groom leave the Party before their Guests (But don't feel you have to!) It's your wedding so do it your way
- Enjoy the first night together as Mr & Mrs...

AFTER THE HONEYMOON

- Whether you used Claire Louise Photography on your Wedding Day or not, contact Claire to book in a 'Dress Down the Gown' Shoot