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STEP NINE | THE MONTH OUT CHECKLISTS

Can you believe we are only a month away from wedding bells! Up to this point we have not assigned any hard and fast timelines to the wedding planning process. Some of us hit a groove and like to hammer out as many plans as we can a year out, others like the thrill of sorting through their wedding plans closer to date. No matter which couple you are, at the one month mark there are a number of details that we need to officially cross off the To Do List to ensure your wedding day is set up for success. In this section we will shine a spotlight on the most important ones and have also put together a few honorable mentions you will likely want to check in with. No such thing as over prepared right!

CONFIRMED GUEST COUNT

Standard practice is that vendors typically want your final guest count 4 to 6 weeks before your wedding day. Final invoices are often due about a month out and we don't want to be paying for extra plates, centerpieces or rentals, so now's the time to hound those last couple of guests to RSVP.

Now that we have our confirmed guest list we can finalize our seating chart and escort cards. Don't forget about printing, especially if you are ordering through an online stationary site that requires shipping time. In that same breath, be sure you have enough programs and favors to accommodate each guest.





MENU & WINE PAIRINGS

Your caterer is definitely a vendor who will need your final guest count as well as any dietary restrictions and final meal selections a month before your wedding. Many catering groups base their menus on what is seasonal and what is trending. Think Farm to Table. This may mean that you still need to confirm your meal preferences and accoutrements as well as your wine pairing. Food and beverage professionals will order their product fresh but they will still need to know your plans at least month out, especially if you are featuring a dish or cocktail with ingredients that are tricky to source.

VOWS + YOUR MARRIAGE LICENCE

Our vows can get lost in the planning shuffle. Some are gifted and can express themselves eloquently in front of an audience, but for many of us this is not so easy. Not only do you want to ensure you have your vows written, we also encourage you to find time to practice saying them. A wedding day is an emotional whirlwind and a bit of practice and preparation will help you find your words even through the tears.

While we are at the ceremony and exchanging vows, do you have your marriage certificate - because sadly, without this very important document, your marriage is not legally binding.

CONFIRM YOUR TIMELINE WITH WEDDING PARTY + VENDORS

We recommend reaching out to your vendors a month out to provide them your wedding day timeline and confirm any last minute details. This could be your photo list with the photographer, a list of song requests for your DJ or delivery times with your rental group. A final touch point with all your vendors ensures no detail is missed and that everyone is on the same page.

THE HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Song lists! You of course have your special songs all picked for your walk down the aisle and family dances, what about the reception and cocktail hour? This will help your DJ out tremendously.
- Pack your Wedding Day Emergency Kit...you know, flip flops or sneakers for when your feet can't take any more of the fancy shoes, cell phone charger, deodorant, breath mints and anything else you need.
- Make your photo list and send it to your photographer. These are all the amazing photos you want to capture on your big day - don't forget copies of invites and anything else you want in your album.
- Get your ring cleaned! Your band has never been worn and will be bright and shiny and we want to make sure our engagement ring is equally beautiful.
- Some couples have gifts for their wedding party. Many will prepare a card for their other half to read on the wedding day or a video message for them to enjoy while they getting ready.
- We don't touch on your personal aesthetic in this course - we know that you have a handle on that and will look absolutely stunning but do you have a special outfit picked for your rehearsal ceremony and newly wed brunch? How about something special to wear when you get back to your hotel room ...
- Plan out your wedding day meals. Sounds crazy right but your day is going to be busy busy and the last thing you want is to feel sluggish or dehydrated - champagne and coffee do not count as meals.
- Determine who your point person is going to be to manage the wedding day. This is where hiring a coordinator is a beautiful thing. Be sure to officially appoint someone as your delegate to save you from being inundated by a million and one questions on your wedding day.

DOWN THE AISLE LIBRARY RESOURCES

- Sample Itineraries for Behind the Scenes Vendors + Set Up Crew
- The Month Out Checklist - All the Tasks to Double Check Before the Big Day

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Love is meant to be an adventure. - GORDON B. HINCKLEY

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