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WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

BY SKY ARMORY

Your go-to guide to stay on track and help



keep your planning process smooth.



At SKY Armory, our family understands the intricacies of planning the wedding of your dreams. That's why we have compiled a checklist that provides an overview of the journey to your big day. This guide will help you navigate the wedding planning process, indicating where you should ideally be at different stages.

Remember, this checklist is here to guide you. Should you decide to engage the services of one of our professional wedding planners, they will provide a more tailored, detailed checklist during your planning sessions to fine-tune every aspect of your special day.

-Nicole & Kevin Samolis

12+ Months *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Determine your wedding budget and set your priorities.** Have a conversation with your fiancé to identify each of your priorities for the wedding and find out where you both feel comfortable splurging and saving.
- ☐ **Pick your wedding color palette and aesthetic.** Explore wedding themes, colors, and styles on Pinterest, social media, blogs, and bridal magazines to find inspiration.
- ☐ **Put together your initial guest list.** You'll need an estimated headcount to help you choose the right venues for your wedding and get a better estimate on the cost of your wedding.
- ☐ **Buy wedding insurance.** Investigate what your venue covers in terms of liability insurance and look into additional coverage, such as cancellation insurance.
- ☐ **Begin wedding dress shopping.** If you need inspiration, consider checking out bridal shows or wedding expos.
- ☐ **Schedule tastings with catering companies and bakeries.** If you're booking with a venue like SKY Armory, these are included. For other venues, ask for their preferred vendor list to help you get started.
- ☐ **Secure your ceremony and/or reception venue and lock in your wedding date.** This is the foundation for your entire wedding. Your venue is typically where 50% of your wedding budget goes because it is responsible for the entire look and feel of your big day.

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9-12 Months

Before the Wedding

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Determine your bridal party.** Choose your groomsmen, bridesmaids, flower girl(s), ring bearer(s), and ushers (if you are having any).
- ☐ **Start your gift registry.** The days of choosing just one store for your gifts are over. Registry sites like [Zola](#) and [Joy](#) allow you to add multiple stores and registries to one main page for your guests.
- ☐ **Choose photo and video vendors.** It's helpful if you have a shooting and editing style that you know you want before you start reaching out to photographers.
- ☐ **Determine your officiant.** Decide if you prefer a friend or family member to officiate your day or an officiant that your venue provides.
- ☐ **Book your engagement shoot.** You'll need these photos for your save-the-date announcement.

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6-8 Months *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Pick bridesmaids' dresses.** Make sure your bridesmaids have clear instructions on how to place their orders.
- ☐ **Create a wedding website.** You'll want to do this before sending out your save-the-date cards so that you can include the website's URL on them.
- ☐ **Order wedding stationery.** Pick the style and determine the wording of your wedding invitations and order them either online or in store.
- ☐ **Finalize the menu and catering details, including your cake.** SKY Armory offers up to five entrées, including a vegetarian option, accommodates dietary restrictions, and provides wedding cakes and desserts.
- ☐ **Determine guest accommodations and book hotel blocks.** SKY Armory helps with this or can provide recommendations.
- ☐ **Send your save the dates.** Make sure they have your wedding website link on them.
- ☐ **Secure transportation for the bridal party and guests.** SKY Armory's walkable hotel options eliminate the need for transportation.

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4-5 Months *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Have bridal party attire for groomsmen, flower girl(s), and ring bearer(s).** Make sure they all receive clear instructions on how to properly size & order their attire.
- ☐ **Go ring shopping and pick wedding bands.** Make sure you think about engraving options!
- ☐ **Finalize ceremony (aside from personal vows).** Work on the timeline and reception formalities with your coordinator/venue.
- ☐ **Determine rehearsal dinner location and details.** If you're having entertainment or specialty décor, now's the time to lock in these elements.
- ☐ **Determine any post-wedding brunch location and details.** SKY is a popular spot for brunch and waives the room rental fee.
- ☐ **Schedule a hair and makeup trial.** Now is the time to book your stylist to secure that you'll be confident and camera-ready for your big day.

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2-3 Months *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Purchase any wedding day accessories – veil, shoes, jewelry, etc.**
- ☐ **Finalize pre-wedding festivities.** Check in with people in charge of the bridal shower, bachelor, and bachelorette parties to ensure they are good to go.
- ☐ **Find something borrowed and something blue.** If you're the traditional type, now is a good time to find the old, new, borrowed, and blue.
- ☐ **Send out invitations.** Make sure you have a game plan for recording the RSVPs and meal choices.
- ☐ **Decide what your favors will be.** Now is when you should order your favors or pick a charity to donate to in lieu of favors.
- ☐ **Have your first dress fitting.** Be sure to buy the appropriate undergarments beforehand.
- ☐ **Finalize music selections.** Make sure you coordinate with your DJ on the music for your ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception.
- ☐ **Obtain your marriage license.** Time to complete the name-change documents (if applicable).

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1 Month *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Make final vendor payments.** Now is a good time to determine any tips you'll be giving vendors as well.
- ☐ **Share the timeline with your bridal party.** This is a good time to confirm who is giving toasts, etc.
- ☐ **Schedule final dress fitting and pick up the rings.** Make sure to double-check any engravings!
- ☐ **Finalize the seating chart for the reception.** Now is the time to double-check final RSVPs and meal counts.
- ☐ **Finalize your vows and ceremony readings.**
- ☐ **Do a final site walk-through.** This is typically where any last-minute surprises are discovered and can then be planned for.
- ☐ **Collect your detailed items to have ready for your photographer.** Finalize and send over your "must-have" shot list to your photographer/videographer.
- ☐ **Purchase alcohol and tableware.** Not needed when you book at SKY Armory.

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The Days *Before the Wedding*

TO DO'S

- ☐ **Make sure all wedding-day items are packed/laid out and ready to go.** Don't forget the rings and marriage license!
- ☐ **Assign someone to pack up your gifts and belongings after the party.** SKY Armory takes care of this and arranges next-day pickup with you.
- ☐ **Schedule final dress fitting and pick up the rings.** Make sure to double-check any engravings!
- ☐ **Wrap any gifts you'll be giving.** Or write any letters to be opened on the day-of.
- ☐ **Get your mani/pedi.**
- ☐ **Get to bed early the last couple of nights.** Make sure you're getting your beauty sleep and drinking plenty of water!
- ☐ **Remember to BREATHE.** Stop to appreciate your soon-to-be spouse because the day you've been waiting for is finally here!

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NEXT STEPS

Choosing your venue

Choosing your wedding venue is one of the most important decisions you'll make during your planning process, and at The SKY Armory, we make it an easy choice. Our venue is more than just a location; it's a backdrop to your love story, designed to enchant and inspire.

Take the next step toward a seamless, unforgettable wedding experience. Click 'Book A Tour' to visit our venue, & learn more about what sets us apart. Your dream wedding is just a visit away, and we can't wait to make it a reality.

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