

For the Bride

A WEDDING FASHION CHECKLIST

11-12 months before

- Decide on your wedding dress budget. Don't forget to include shoes, accessories, and an estimate for alterations and preservation.
- Start a Pinterest board to pin dresses and details that you both love and dislike so you can begin to narrow down to a more specific vision.
- If you want to score a deal on a designer dress, start researching dates of bridal sample sales and trunk shows.
- Insure your sparkly new engagement ring.

9-10 months before

- Start trying on dresses! Go for dresses in a variety of different shapes and materials to see what looks best. You might be surprised!
- Feel free to visit your favorite dresses more than once. Have a few helpful assistants — your mom and a best friend — there for moral support.

6-8 months before

- Order your gown. Congrats!
- Start clipping and pinning your favorite bridesmaid dress photos. Talk to your bridesmaids about preferred silhouettes.
- Take your bridesmaids dress shopping, and then make your choice!

4-5 months before

- Narrow down your bridal accessories. Decide if you'll opt for a headpiece or a veil, or both. Start thinking about the jewelry and shoes you'd like most.
- Decide what you want the groom and groomsmen to wear, whether it's tuxes or suits, and start looking at options.
- Shop for wedding rings. Visit jewelry stores, and take your time to research prices. This is something you'll wear every single day, so you want it to be just right.
- Buy bridesmaid accessories, which can double as sweet gifts.

3 months before

- Order your wedding rings. If you want to personalize them with an engraving (your wedding date, perhaps), do so now.
- Buy or rent formalwear for the groom and groomsmen.
- Shop for formalwear accessories that add a personal touch, especially if your groom is renting. Consider a unique pocket square, cuff links, socks, or a nice pair of shoes.
- Select attire for the flower girl and ring bearer.
- Buy your veil and other special bridal accessories.
- Buy your underpinnings — often, what you wear under your dress is just as important as the dress itself! Consider this an opportunity to try a little "something blue."
- Confirm the delivery date of your gown.

2 months before

- Go to your first dress fitting! Be sure to bring your undergarments and shoes along with your mom or a close friend to help weigh in on major changes.
- If you are going on a honeymoon right after your nuptials, start shopping for destination-specific items, like bikinis or lingerie.
- Shop for other wedding-weekend outfits, like a rehearsal dinner dress.

1 month before

- Go to a second, or possibly third, dress fitting with all your accessories. Discuss bustle options with the tailor, and decide on one that works best with your dress.
- Practice walking, sitting, and dancing in your dress to make sure it's good to go!
- Pick up your wedding rings. Try them on to make sure they fit, and then keep them in a secure, safe place.
- Arrange for pickup or delivery of your dress.
- Confirm the pickup and return of the groom's formalwear.

1 week before

- Pick up your wedding dress. Make sure it is well-pressed.
- Make sure your photographer knows what key pictures you would like taken of your dress and accessories.

The wedding day

- Give yourself more time than you think you need to get ready. Take your time getting into your dress — the last thing you want to do is snag it or get makeup on it.
- Be sure to have a bridesmaid hold onto a fashion emergency kit that includes a sewing kit and comfortable shoes.

After the honeymoon

- Take your gown and veil to a dry cleaner who specializes in gown preservation.