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We have heaps of wedding planning advice, free download tools, and the best of Surrey vendors and services for you at www.weddingsinsomerset.co.uk. You are now ready to start planning, what will probably be the biggest even of your lives.



Every wedding is unique to the couple that is planning their wedding, but one thing in common with every wedding is the amount of planning that goes into making that perfect wedding day. No matter what the budget, whether it is a small simple wedding, or a huge lavish event in a stately home, the more planning that goes in beforehand, saves on the stress levels leading up to the big day.

This wedding planner is a twelve-month count down checklist that tells you what you need to do every step of the way. From the major decisions of setting your wedding date and choosing a venue, right down to the finer details, should you wish to include them in your plans too.

We've made it into a handy handbag size that can be folded and inserted into your diary organizer, ready to come to hand just when you need it.

12 MONTHS BEFORE

Purchase a diary organiser and wedding folder to keep your ideas and magazine cutouts in.

Set the total budget and establish who is contributing to the wedding

Don't spend more than you can afford and allow a 10% contingency

Set provisional wedding date, and contact the Registry Office or Minister if religious ceremony to give notice

Make a provisional guest list to get an idea of numbers

Make a shortlist of wedding venues and make an appointment to visit and provisionally book

It's not too early to start looking at wedding dresses

Shortlist and provisionally reserve key suppliers

Popular suppliers, such as photographers are in demand in peak season

Decide on theme of wedding – colours, style

Visit wedding cake makers and provisionally book one

Visit several florists and provisionally book one

Firm up provisional bookings and pay deposits

Prepare an itemised budget for wedding costs

Develop a record system for invitation acceptances, gift lists and thank you notes

Consider hiring a wedding planner to help you with your planning.

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

Order wedding dress and accessories

Send out Save the Date Cards

Book the Honeymoon

Choose and order bridesmaid, attendants' outfits and accessories

Order wedding invitations and personal stationery

Book hotel accommodation for the wedding night

Book hotel accommodation required for wedding guests

Choose and book wedding entertainment

Choose and order wedding cake

Consider taking out wedding insurance

Decide on wedding readings and poetry

Register a gift list at your chosen store

3-5 MONTHS BEFORE

For church weddings attend 3 consecutive hearing of the Banns

Choose, readings and music – check with registrar that they are suitable

Order wedding rings

Finalise guest list

Send out wedding invitations

Attend sample tastings of chosen menus and wines

Finalise flowers – bouquets, buttonholes, corsages, table and ceremony

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Arrange fittings of wedding dress and bridesmaids
Book wedding transport
Select and purchase wedding favours for the guests
Organise wedding decorations, balloons, chair covers etc
Book hairdresser and makeup artist
Apply for new passport
Organise Hen Party

1 MONTH BEFORE
Pay balance on honeymoon
Pay balance on reception
Confirm all arrangements with suppliers
Try on wedding rings
Have 2nd fitting of wedding dress

Most brides lose weight before their wedding day

Write wedding speeches

Purchase gifts for attendants and parents
Chase any guests who have not responded to invitations
Keep records of gifts received

2 WEEKS BEFORE

Finalise guest list
Write place cards
Final fitting of wedding dress and all accessories
Give final guest count to wedding reception
Pay balance on wedding reception
Confirm timetable of day of wedding with all attendants
Attend church rehearsal
Latest time for hen party !

1 WEEK BEFORE

Pack for honeymoon
Latest time for all facials, hair colouring, waxing and plucking !!

DAY BEFORE

Drop off luggage required where you will spend your wedding night
Take cake to wedding venue and double check arrangements with wedding venue co-ordinator or wedding planner
Layout all accessories (so no last minute panic)
Pack an emergency kit and give to chief bridesmaid

GET MARRIED

Remember to have a hanky for those tears

Wear your engagement on your right hand so you can swap it over later.

Smile, smile smile, relax and have a great day.



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