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## Wedding Planning Timeline

*"Organization is the cornerstone for planning a great wedding."*

### *12 Months Before:*

- Select your wedding date and time
- Reserve the date and time for your wedding with the Church
- Begin search for Banquet facility or caterer
- Determine the style of wedding you want
- Set a preliminary budget and determine what financial assistance your family will provide
- Decide if you want, and then Interview and select a wedding planner
- Determine the approximate size of your guest list
- Begin to think about who you would like as your groomsmen, brides maids, etc
- Draw up a provisional guest list
- Begin search and select a location for your reception and reserve a date
- Select and book your caterer, photographer, baker, entertainment, florist, DJ etc
- Select and book transportation
- Begin shopping for your wedding gown and headpiece
- Select your wedding colors and keep color swatch for florist and reception hall
- Begin shopping for bridesmaids' dresses

### *9 Months Before:*

- Place engagement announcement in your local paper
- Begin your bridal registries
- Select Groomsmen, ushers, best man
- Select wedding attendants, flower girl, maid/matron of honor
- Begin shopping for men's formal wear
- Block hotel rooms for out of town guests

## ***6 Months Before:***

- Complete the guest list**
- Confirm status of bridesmaids' dresses and bride's gown**
- Confirm your state's marriage license requirements**
- Select and order guest favors**
- Choose/order invitations and personal stationery**

## ***3 Months Before:***

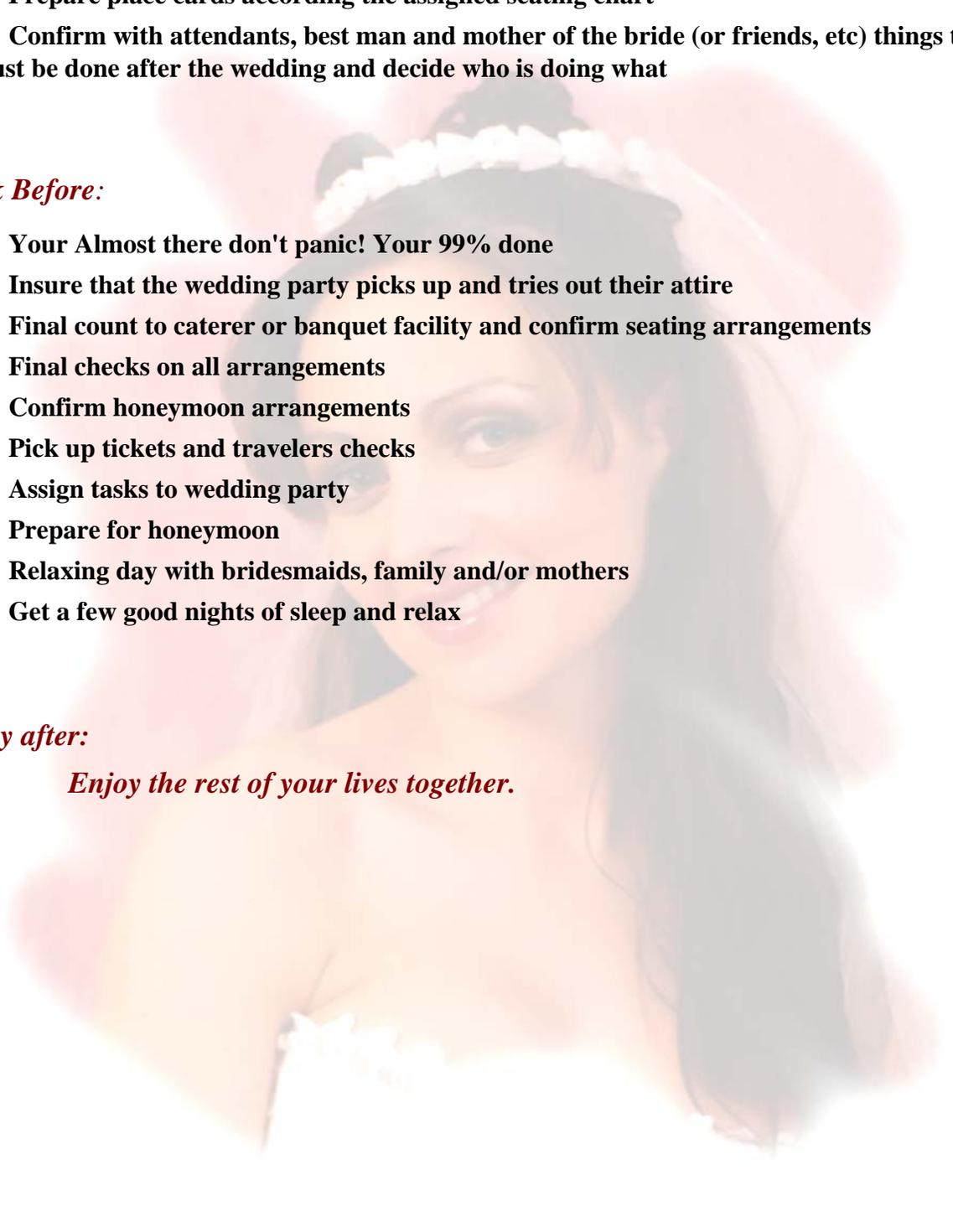
- Purchase wedding gown, the style for the groom's suit chosen and booked**
- Decide on gifts for the wedding party**
- Select and reserve men's formal wear**
- Select location for the rehearsal dinner**
- Prepare maps to ceremony and reception sites for guests**
- Begin addressing invitations and announcements**
- Mail invitations to out-of-town guests 12 weeks prior to wedding**
- Mail other invitations 10 weeks prior to wedding**
- Check the RSVPs from guests and keep a list of numbers attending**
- Purchase accessories (ring bearer pillow, garter, toasting goblets etc.)**
- Book practice run with hair dresser and make up artist**
- Book hair appointment for wedding day**

## ***1 Month Before:***

- Get marriage license**
- Final fitting for bride and bridesmaids**
- Formal bridal portrait taken**
- Arrange for gown, bouquet and cake preservation**
- Prepare to attend showers**
- Have rings sized**

## ***2 Weeks Before:***

- Contact guests who did not RSVP**
- Pick up rings**
- Visit florist, if appropriate, to have detailing of flowers finalized**



**Re-confirm all arrangements, e.g. honeymoon, photographer, limousine, etc**  
**Final meeting with all wedding vendors; provide details and timelines**  
**Write thank you notes for shower and wedding gifts already received**  
**Prepare place cards according the assigned seating chart**  
**Confirm with attendants, best man and mother of the bride (or friends, etc) things that must be done after the wedding and decide who is doing what**

***1 Week Before:***

**Your Almost there don't panic! Your 99% done**  
**Insure that the wedding party picks up and tries out their attire**  
**Final count to caterer or banquet facility and confirm seating arrangements**  
**Final checks on all arrangements**  
**Confirm honeymoon arrangements**  
**Pick up tickets and travelers checks**  
**Assign tasks to wedding party**  
**Prepare for honeymoon**  
**Relaxing day with bridesmaids, family and/or mothers**  
**Get a few good nights of sleep and relax**

***The day after:***

***Enjoy the rest of your lives together.***