

Wedding Planning Checklist & Custom Dress Timeline

Your month-by-month guide to planning the wedding and the dress, together.

BEFORE YOU START

Four decisions that shape every other planning choice

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set your approximate guest count | <input type="checkbox"/> Define your wedding style |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set your total wedding budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your approximate date or season |

Timeline	What to Focus On
12 months out	Budget, venue, guest list, photographer, begin dress journey
9-10 months out	Save the dates, catering, florals, music, first dress appointments
6-8 months out	Confirm dress design, key vendors, bridesmaid dresses, honeymoon
4-5 months out	Invitations, beauty team, accessories, transportation
2-3 months out	Seating plan, final fittings, vows, vendor confirmations
4-6 weeks out	Final payments, wedding day timeline, emergency kit
1-2 weeks out	Rehearsal, packing, rest, final handoff
After wedding	Thank you notes, dress preservation, name change, photos

12 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Foundation phase - lock in the structure

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set total budget and category breakdown | <input type="checkbox"/> Book videographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open a shared planning spreadsheet | <input type="checkbox"/> Begin wedding dress inspiration folder
<i>Save silhouettes, necklines, fabrics</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research and visit at least 3 venues | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Studio RÉN consultation
<i>Start bride-specific avatar and 3D previews</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign venue contract and pay deposit | <input type="checkbox"/> Post engagement announcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft full guest list | <input type="checkbox"/> Begin honeymoon research if booking early |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book photographer
<i>Review full galleries, not just highlights</i> | |

DRESS TIMELINE NOTE: Made-to-order and custom gowns need 9-12 months. Begin exploring silhouettes and design options at Studio REN now. studiorenoofficial.com

9-10 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Build the details

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finalise venue contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm ceremony music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send save the dates | <input type="checkbox"/> First formal dress appointments
<i>Try at least 3 silhouettes</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build wedding website | <input type="checkbox"/> Decide on second look if relevant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Begin catering tastings and quotes | <input type="checkbox"/> Research bridesmaid dresses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with at least 2 florists | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft ceremony layout and floor plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book band or DJ
<i>Live bands book out 12 months ahead</i> | |

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Vendor confirmation phase

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Review budget against actual quotes | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm shot list with photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONFIRM wedding dress design
<i>Order must be placed by now</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Book wedding night accommodation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve 3D gown preview at Studio REN | <input type="checkbox"/> Book honeymoon
<i>Especially for international travel</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign catering contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Order bridesmaid dresses
<i>4-6 month production timeline</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm cake designer and book tasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Begin second look design if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign florist contract | |

4-5 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Refine and personalise

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Design and order wedding invitations | <input type="checkbox"/> First dress fitting if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finalise gift registry | <input type="checkbox"/> Source shoes, veil, and accessories
<i>Bring shoes to every fitting</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book hair and makeup artist
<i>They book 6-9 months in advance</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Book wedding day transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule beauty trial
<i>6-8 weeks before the wedding</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan rehearsal dinner if applicable |

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Final push

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chase outstanding RSVPs firmly | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange dress collection or delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft seating plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Write your vows
<i>2-3 minutes each, read aloud</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact all vendors with day timeline | <input type="checkbox"/> Finalise ceremony and reception music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final dress fitting
<i>Should fit perfectly - minor adjustments only</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule pre-wedding beauty treatments |

4-6 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Tie up every loose end

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make all final vendor payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare wedding day emergency kit
<i>Fashion tape, pins, stain remover, pain relief</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create minute-by-minute day timeline
<i>Share with all vendors and wedding party</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Assign day-of tasks to trusted people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collect wedding rings
<i>Check engraving if applicable</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm honeymoon logistics |

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

Final preparation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Run ceremony rehearsal at least twice | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack honeymoon luggage separately |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack everything for wedding morning
<i>Dress, accessories, shoes, rings, emergency kit</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritise sleep, hydration, and nutrition
<i>No drastic changes this week</i> |

AFTER THE WEDDING

Send personalised thank you notes

Within 3 months

Book dress preservation

Within 6 months while stains are treatable

Review and order wedding photographs

Begin name change process if applicable

WEDDING DRESS TIMELINE BY DRESS TYPE

Dress Type	When to Start	Notes
Off-the-rack gown	4-6 months before	Most flexible timeline
Made-to-order boutique gown	9-12 months before	Production + alterations time
Custom wedding dress	9-12 months before	Design development + production
Heavily embellished custom gown	12+ months before	Start as early as possible
Second look or reception dress	6-8 months before	Has its own production timeline

THE STUDIO RÉN CUSTOM DRESS PROCESS

1. Consultation and measurements → 2. Bride-specific avatar created → 3. 3D gown preview and design approval → 4. Production → 5. Delivery and final styling

Preview your gown before production begins: studiorenoofficial.com

WEDDING DAY EMERGENCY KIT

Fashion tape

Needle and thread (dress colour)

Safety pins (multiple sizes)

Stain remover wipes

Pain relief

Blotting papers

Small snack

Phone charger and lip colour