



The Groom's List

first things first

Buy the ring.
Plan the proposal.
Plan the engagement party.
Propose!

four, five + Six Months Away

Help bride determine budget.
Have conversation with parents on any contributions.
Help bride compile guest list.
Choose best man, groomsmen & ring bearer.
Choose ceremony & reception locations with bride.
Help bride determine vendors, overseers, volunteers, etc.
Help bride determine wording for invitation.
Create wedding registries with bride.
Research honeymoon possibilities.
Make plans for honeymoon.
Book transportation for honeymoon.
Book accommodations, excursions, etc., for honeymoon.
Determine suit/tux style and accessories for yourself with bride.
Determine suit/tux style and accessories for best man, groomsmen & ring bearer with bride.
Shop for suit/tux and accessories for yourself, or book rentals.
Communicate suit/tux and accessories options to best man, groomsmen & ring bearer.
Purchase bride's wedding ring (if it didn't come with engagement ring as a set) – do this with bride.

three Months Away

Research rehearsal dinner possibilities.
Book rehearsal dinner location.
Plan rehearsal dinner with bride.
Help bride with thank you cards.
Check into visa, vaccination requirements, etc., for honeymoon if needed with bride.
Choose menus for rehearsal and reception with bride.
Get all rings insured (engagement, bride's band, groom's band).
Research options for wedding night accommodations.
Book wedding night transportation (from reception).
Book wedding night accommodations.
Book transportation for day-after wedding (from accommodations to airport, etc.).

Two Months Away

	Shop for clothes and "special touches" for wedding night and honeymoon.
	Give best man ideas for groom's party.
	Shop for gift and card for bride for day of wedding.
	Schedule appointment for haircut/style (4-5 days before wedding).
	Schedule any other grooming appointments.
	Check into travel insurance for honeymoon.
	Choose ushers.
	Compile list of who to honor at rehearsal and how with bride.

Six Weeks Away

	Shop for gifts for best man, groomsmen, ring bearer with bride.

Five Weeks Away

	Create a "no play" list for reception with bride.

Four Weeks Away

	Write vows.
	Schedule dinner or outing with best man and groomsmen for week of wedding – include fathers, brothers and any other relatives or friends close to groom.
	Shop for any additional accessories needed for wedding day.
	Email your work colleagues regarding the time you'll be away for honeymoon and set out-of-office response on email and voicemail.

Three Weeks Away

	Review honeymoon reservations; make any special reservations for restaurants, spa appointments, activities, excursions.
	Shop for any medications (including disposable contact lenses, allergy meds, and birth control) you'll need for the honeymoon.
	Shop for thank-you gifts for parents and wrap them. Give to best man and maid of honor to give to parents on day after wedding (along with bride's gifts for her parents).

Two Weeks Away

	Confirm hotel room for wedding night.
	Create order of service for rehearsal dinner with bride.
	Get \$100 worth of foreign currency if going to a foreign country for wedding and/or honeymoon.
	Help bride write thank you cards to everyone coming to rehearsal dinner.
	Write toasts and speeches for rehearsal dinner and reception.

One Week Away

	Call transportation company to confirm reservations and pickup times; send explicit directions to driver.
	Create a "call sheet" with all pick-up and drop-off times, names, and addresses for transportation driver.

Five Days Away

	Get cash for honeymoon (tips, shopping, etc.).
	Pack carry-on for plane.
	Pack for wedding night and honeymoon.

Three Days Away

	Confirm hotel reservations for wedding night & honeymoon <i>again</i> .
	Practice vows.

Two Days Away

	Confirm that best man, groomsmen & ring bearer have their outfits completely put together, including shoes and accessories.
	Pick up rental tuxes, if needed.

One Day Away

	Confirm flight reservations for honeymoon or ask best man or maid of honor to confirm for you.
	Reconfirm pickup times and addresses with transportation company for wedding day and day after wedding (to airport); reconfirm any transportation you've arranged for guests.
	Practice speeches and vows.
	Rehearse ceremony.
	Enjoy rehearsal dinner!

Wedding Day

	Ask best man or maid of honor to call airline to check on flight status for honeymoon.
	Relax and enjoy the day!
	Take regular medications.

Day After Wedding

	Deposit monetary wedding gifts or put them in safekeeping.
	Return rental tuxedos - groom delegate to best man.