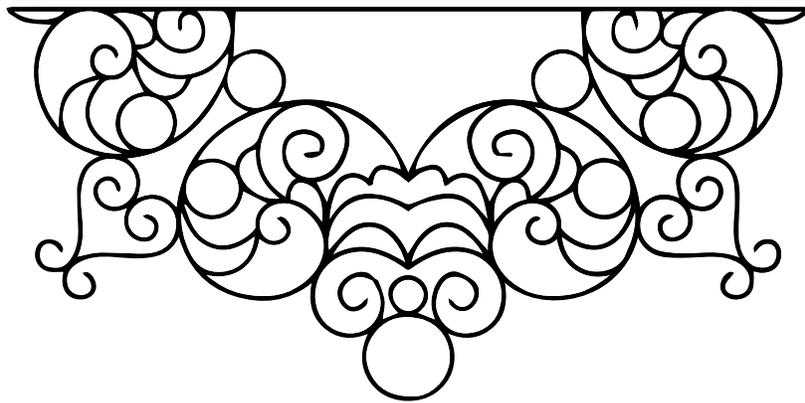


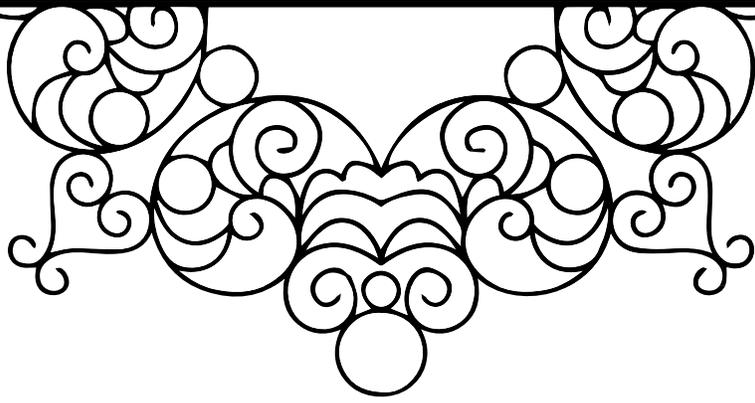
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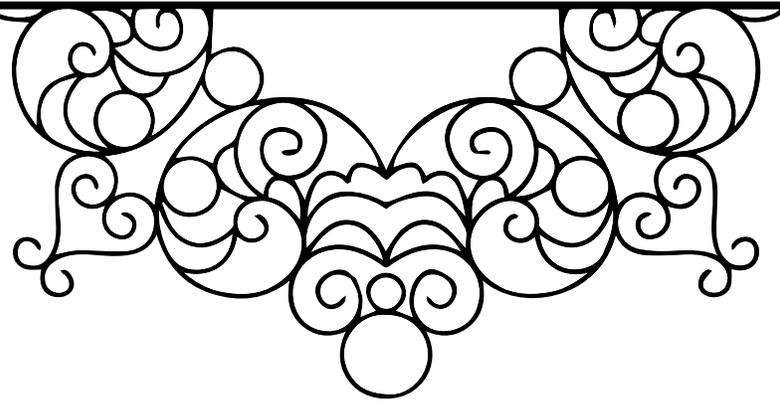
# Wedding Checklist

The first stages of planning a wedding will inevitably seem like a challenge with so many things to plan and organize. Before contacting wedding vendors or venues, though, take some time to brainstorm and jot down some initial wedding ideas and/or wedding themes that you envision for the big day. Don't be afraid to let your imagination run wild at this point. Whether you have a specific "theme" in mind or not, one thing that will help tie everything together throughout the planning process is to decide on your wedding colors - this will of course be influenced by the time of year (a spring garden wedding might inspire green tones while a winter wedding silver or gold), but selecting a color or two that you feel really speaks to you will also help you out with choosing flowers, bridesmaid dresses and decor. You may also want to come up with an overall style idea for your wedding: "simple chic", "vintage", "fairytale", etc. This will really help narrow down the wide range of wedding ideas out there into something much more manageable.

Generally speaking, different wedding planning tasks will fall into a timeline that you can of course adjust depending on your own schedule and needs. You can use the following plan to guide you through your own planning process. For most brides and grooms, choosing a wedding date and reception venue is normally on the top of the wedding planning list, followed by choosing a wedding dress and thinking about the initial guest list. Attending a bridal show in the early stages is also a good idea. Most importantly, keep things simple, and enjoy the journey!

The following guide should give you an overview of the planning process, from the proposal through to the honeymoon. As you make your way through each wedding checklist below to learn more, make sure you're not forgetting some of the smaller details along the way.

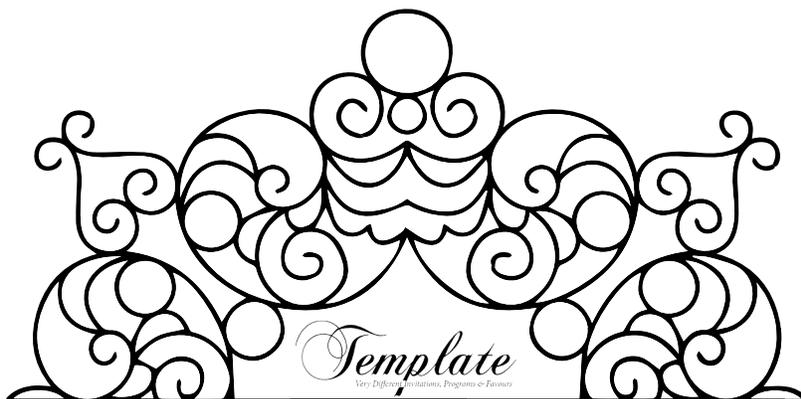


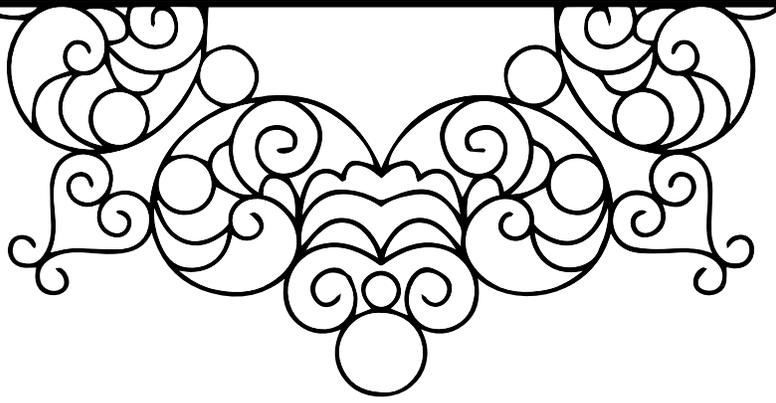


## *Groom's Checklist*

When it comes to wedding planning, the groom has it pretty easy (compared to the bride), but there are still some things he should take care of. Of course when he finishes everything, you can get him to help with your list!

- \_\_\_ Choose your Best Man, groomsmen and ushers.
- \_\_\_ Come up with your part of the guest list.
- \_\_\_ You will most likely be the one to choose the band or disk jockey.
- \_\_\_ Plan for your honeymoon.
- \_\_\_ Check requirements for marriage license.
- \_\_\_ Arrange for transportation to the ceremony and reception.
- \_\_\_ Choose tuxes for yourself, the Best Man, and groomsmen.
- \_\_\_ Help choose music for the ceremony & reception.
- \_\_\_ Get your fingers measured for your wedding bands
- \_\_\_ Prepare your wedding toast.
- \_\_\_ Get your bride a personal and memorable wedding gift.
- \_\_\_ Purchase gifts for Best Man, groomsmen and ushers.
- \_\_\_ Attend to business and legal affairs, such as adding brides name to insurance policies, medical plans, checking accounts and savings accounts.



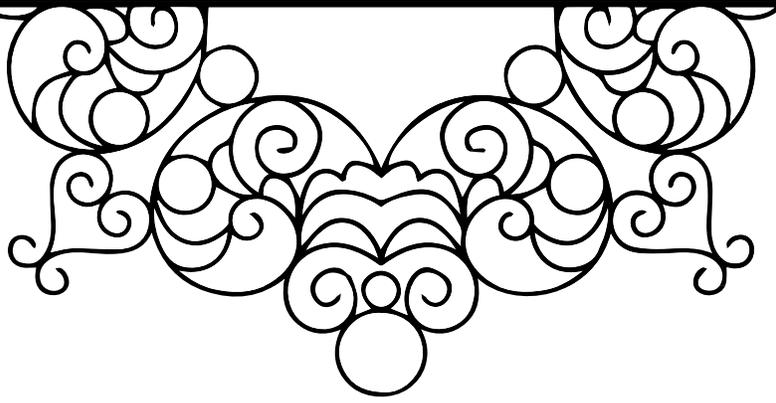


# *Bride's Checklist*

8 months to 1 year ahead

- \_\_\_ Select a wedding date and time.
- \_\_\_ Make a preliminary budget.
- \_\_\_ Determine your wedding theme or style.
- \_\_\_ Reserve your ceremony and reception location.
- \_\_\_ Determine who will officiate at the ceremony.
- \_\_\_ Hire a wedding consultant, if you plan to use one.
- \_\_\_ Decide on your color scheme.
- \_\_\_ Start compiling names and addresses of guests.
- \_\_\_ Select bridal attendants.
- \_\_\_ Have fiancé select his attendants.
- \_\_\_ Plan reception.
- \_\_\_ Check catering facilities, if at a club or hotel.
- \_\_\_ Select a caterer, if one is necessary.
- \_\_\_ Select a professional photographer and videographer.
- \_\_\_ Select a professional florist.
- \_\_\_ Select your dress and headpiece.
- \_\_\_ Select bridesmaids' dresses.
- \_\_\_ Select engagement ring with fiancé, if he has not already done so.



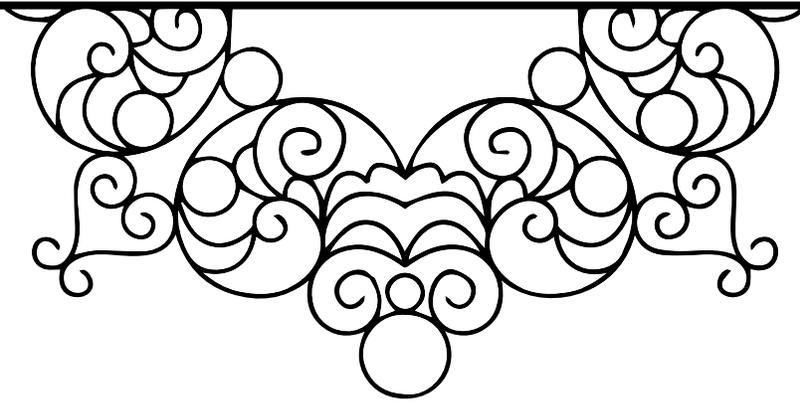


# *Bride's Checklist*

6-8 months ahead

- \_\_\_ Make final arrangements for ceremony (deposits should be paid, contracts signed).
- \_\_\_ Make sure all bridal attire is ordered.
- \_\_\_ Have both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- \_\_\_ Register at a bridal registry in the towns of both families.
- \_\_\_ Order invitations and personal stationery.
- \_\_\_ Complete the guest lists and compile them in order.
- \_\_\_ Select the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- \_\_\_ Check the requirements for a marriage license.
- \_\_\_ Make appointment for physical exam.
- \_\_\_ Shop for wedding rings.
- \_\_\_ Start planning the honeymoon.
- \_\_\_ Decide where you will live after the wedding.
- \_\_\_ Begin shopping for trousseau. (A bride's needs - lingerie, sleepwear, bridal foundations, jewelry, head-pieces and accessories).



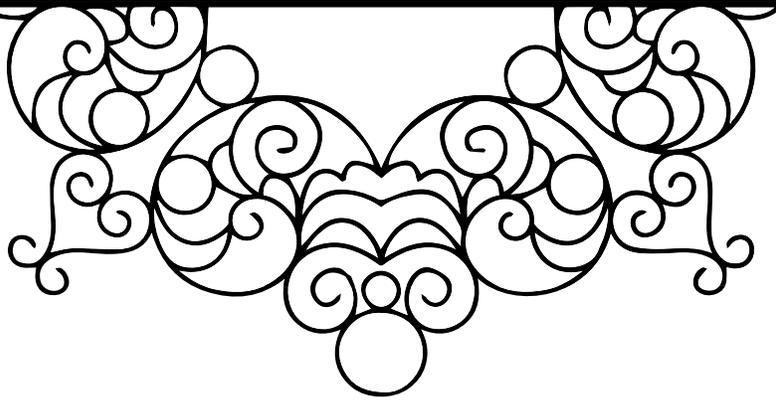


# *Bride's Checklist*

3-6 months ahead

- \_\_\_ Order invitations, programs, favours, seating chart etc.
- \_\_\_ Have engagement photos taken
- \_\_\_ Purchase wedding rings
- \_\_\_ Plan rehearsal dinner
- \_\_\_ Rent tuxedo
- \_\_\_ Groom purchases special gift for the bride
- \_\_\_ Bride and groom purchase attendants' gifts
- \_\_\_ Make reservation for out-of-town guests



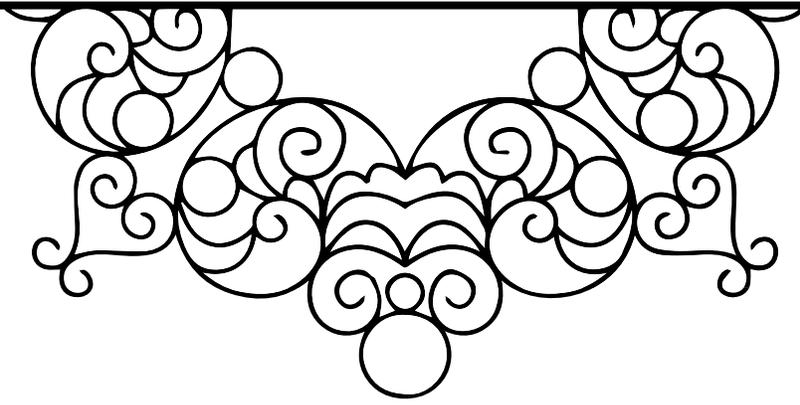


# *Bride's Checklist*

1-3 months ahead

- \_\_\_ Address invitations and announcements (Mail four to six weeks before wedding).
- \_\_\_ Finalize all details with caterer, photographer, florist, reception hall manager, musicians, etc.
- \_\_\_ Order wedding cake, if not supplied by caterer.
- \_\_\_ Finalize ceremony details with officiant.
- \_\_\_ Make rehearsal arrangements.
- \_\_\_ Make appointments with hairdresser.
- \_\_\_ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants or guests.
- \_\_\_ Finalize honeymoon plans.
- \_\_\_ Send out invitations to wedding and to rehearsal dinner
- \_\_\_ Book transportation





# *Bride's Checklist*

1 month ahead

- \_\_\_ Obtain marriage license
- \_\_\_ Arrange for formal bridal photos
- \_\_\_ Meet with florist; see mock-up of bridal bouquet
- \_\_\_ Have final fittings

