



### **Timeline/Vendor Worksheet**

Congratulations! You have chosen your venue and ready to get started planning! If you start with less time...no worries! You'll just want to follow the order and make sure you put "first things first" working from the beginning.

Wedding planning is NOT a job. Your event should include elements specific to things that represent you as a couple:

*If you love:*

*Trends...include trending colors, design, and elements*

*Glam... bring on the lights, sparkles, and floral elements throughout*

*A good dance party...make sure to have a great DJ*

*Games...Have lawn games (or even indoor games)*

*Family get togethers.....host a family reunion style event*

*Reading... use old books stacked as part of your centerpieces*

*Rodeo/Ranch....get your favorite boots, bring your horse, and even pair it with rustic elegance!*

	12 Months Before
	Create wedding binder (for timeline, ideas, payments, vendor info. etc)
	Make sure both parties have as wedding ring, or plan for wedding ring
	Create an email dedicated for wedding planning only
	Determine your wedding style and colors
	Create budget
	11 Months Out
	Choose maid of honor, best man, wedding party, ring bearer, flower girl
	Hire photographer/ videographer. Schedule engagement pics
	Research catering, cake: schedule taste tests
	Research additional vendors (DJ, Floral, Photobooth, Bartending, etc)
	Research wedding dress, suites, and bridesmaids dresses

	10 Months Before
	Make a wedding website
	Hire caterer
	Start Guest List
	Book priority vendors (those that are most important to you or those in demand)
	Have engagement party (usually given by your Maid of Honor)
	9 Months Out
	Book officiant
	Hire florist
	Start planning save the date/ invitation design
	Research hair/makeup style
	Start planning wedding decor (other than florals)
	8 Months Out
	Buy wedding dress
	Choose bridesmaids dresses
	Order save the dates
	Secure all other vendors
	Research hotel and accommodations for out of town guests
	7 months out
	Double check to make sure all vendors are booked
	Begin purchasing any decor you wish to bring into venue
	Start finalizing guest list
	Set aside block of rooms at nearby hotel for out of town guests (if needed)
	Research and rentals you may want or need
	6 Months Out
	Send out save the dates
	Purchase invitations
	Meet florist to plan specific bouquets, centerpieces, etc

	<b>6 Months Out (Continued)</b>
	Reserve rentals
	Make honeymoon arrangements and wedding night accommodations
	<b>5 Months Out</b>
	Make sure all guest contact information is entered into website (for online invitations)
	Address envelopes for wedding invitations
	Order groom's/groomsman suits, shoes, and accessories (rentals)
	Order shoes and accessories you have not purchased for bride
	Remind Bridesmaids to order shoes, accessories, and schedule fittings
	<b>4 Months Out</b>
	Sign up for dance lessons if needed
	Have wedding dress fitting
	Attend pre-wedding counseling
	Finish up decor purchases
	Decide on something old/something new
	<b>3 Months Out</b>
	Send Invitations in mail and via website
	Purchase wedding favors
	Confirm final fittings for all wedding party (including bride and groom)
	Have bridal shower
	Begin planning procession, wedding, and recessional details (songs, vows, traditions, etc)
	<b>6 Months Out</b>

*\*\*For the last couple of months in the planning process see the "Wedding Countdown Worksheet"*