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THE NIGERIAN BRIDE

DETAILED WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST



FOR EVERY STAGE OF YOUR WEDDING
PLANNING

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Post Engagement 12+ Months before Wedding:

- Do Research On Weddings To Understand Today's Wedding Cost
- Schedule First Family Introduction
- Determine What Type Of Wedding You Want
 - Nigerian Traditional Wedding And Religious Wedding Or
 - Nigerian Traditional Wedding And Civil Wedding Or
 - Religious Wedding After Traditional Rite Requirement Completed Or
 - Civil Wedding After Traditional Rite Requirement Completed
- Following Your Research, Create A Budget
- Start Drafting Guest List And Gather Contact Information
- Explore Ceremony And Reception Venue Options
- Start Wedding Dress Shopping
- Decide Your Wedding Style
- Insure Your Engagement Ring And Consider Getting Wedding Insurance
- Research Wedding Vendors:
 - Wedding Planner (If Needed)
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Master Of Ceremony (MC)
 - DJ/Band
 - Catering And Bakery
 - Start Wedding Dress Style

11 - 10 Months before Wedding:

- Decide On Wedding Theme And Color
- Select Bridal Party And Notify Them Accordingly
 - Bridesmaids, Groomsmen, Flower Girls And Ring Bearer
- Create A Wedding Site (If Needed)
- Create Your Wedding #Hashtag (For Social Media Tags Of Your Wedding Events)
- Book Wedding Photographer And Videographer
- Get Engagement Photo Taken
- Purchase Wedding Dress And Veil

- Design Save The Date And Place Order
- Browse For Nigerian Couple's Traditional Wedding Outfit Styles
- Book And Make Down Payment For Reception Venue
- Book Church And Inform Priest/Pastor
- Mail Out Save The Date
- Start Bridesmaid Dress Shopping
- Purchase Traditional Fabrics For Traditional Outfit During Reception
- Hire Wedding Planner (If Needed), DJ/Band, And MC
- Book Hair And Makeup Artist
- Book Caterer And Bakery For Cake

9 - 8 Months before Wedding:

- Research For Wedding Favors
- Research For Wedding Cake Style
- Shop For Groom's Tuxedo
- Research Wedding Invitation Design
- Start Planning For Honeymoon
- Purchase Wedding Accessories
 - Shoes, Jewelry, Under Garments, Hair Accessories, Etc.
- Book Wedding Florist
- Research Wedding Rental Vendors
- Start Planning Traditional Wedding
- Book Wedding Day Transportation
- Get Flower Girls And Ring Bearer's Measurements And Research For Style

7 - 6 Months before Wedding:

- Schedule Wedding Cake Tasting And Finalize Cake Style And Flavor
- Meet With Priest/Pastor To Plan Ceremony
- Decide On Groom's And Groomsman's Outfits
- Decide On Bridesmaids' Outfits
- Purchase Flower Girls And Ring Bearer's Outfits
- Send Out The Fabrics For The Reception Traditional Wear For Tailoring
- Purchase Wedding Bands
- Order Wedding Invitations (If Not Already Done)

- Schedule Wedding Dress Fittings And Alterations
- Finalize Wedding Flowers
 - Bouquets, Boutonnieres, Ceremony & Reception Venue Flowers
- Finalize Guest List And Get Their Contact Information
- Book Rentals – Linens, Chairs, Tables, Décor, Etc. (As Needed)
- Purchase Asoebi Ladies And Groomsmen’s Fabrics And Distribute To Them For Tailoring
- Confirm With Parents About The Traditional Marriage Rite Completion
- Work With Both Moms To Decide The Parents’ Outfit Of The Day

5 - 4 Months before Wedding:

- Schedule Hair And Makeup Trial
- Complete Wedding/Gift Registry
- Order Asoebi Ladies’ Gele And Distribute To Them
- Shop For Bridal Shower Outfit
- Order Wedding Favors
- Order Gifts For The Bridal Party
- Order Gifts For Parents And For Each Other
- Book Block Of Hotel Rooms For Out-Of-Town Guests
- Book Hotel Room For Your Before And After Wedding Accommodations
- Start Working On Wedding Program Timeline
- Start Pre-Marriage Classes
- Work With Priest/Pastor To Select Ceremony Readings And Songs You Want
- Book Honeymoon, Flight And Check If Passports Are Current

3 - 2 Months before Wedding:

- Select Wedding Godparents (If Catholics)
- Meet Up And Formally Ask The Selected Godparents
- Finalize Reception Menu With Caterer
- Order Wedding Stationery
- Mail Out Wedding Invitations
- Start Reception Playlist For DJ
- Put Together Welcome Bag For Out-Of-Town Guests
- Confirm All Vendors Booked And Make Required Payments Per Agreement
- Confirm Honeymoon Booking And Flight
- Track And Follow Up On Rsvp (If/As Needed)

- Finalize Wedding Program Timeline And Order It
- Order Thank You Notes
- Send Out Wedding Program Timeline To Planner And Vendors
- If Purchasing Wedding Decors, Complete The Purchase
- If You're Writing Your Own Wedding Vows, Start Working On It
- Schedule Wedding Rehearsal And Dinner
- Complete All Pre-Marriage Classes
- Determine Location For Wedding Photos After Ceremony
- Meet With Photographer And Videographer To Discuss Important Moments To Capture

4 – 1 Week before Wedding:

- Obtain Marriage License
- Reach Out To DJ To Review Playlist
- Finalize Guest List And Inform Caterer
- Follow Up With All Booked Vendors And Provide Them With Venue's Address
- Attend Final Wedding Dress Fitting
- Complete Hair And Makeup Trial
- Create And Finalize Seating Plan (If/As Needed)
- If Purchasing Drinks, Complete All Purchase Sufficient For Guests
- Complete All Wedding Favors Packaging
- Pick Up Wedding Bands
- Pick Up The Groom's Outfits
- Complete Vow (If Writing Yours)
- Provide The Flower Girls And Ring Bearer Their Outfits
- Remind Bridesmaids And Groomsmen Arrival Time

Week of Wedding:

- Complete All Pending Payments Per Agreement
- Obtain All Rental Items
- Confirm All Bookings
 - Hotel Rooms For Out-Of-Town Guests, Honeymoon And Flight
- Pick Up Wedding Dress
- Find Your Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed/Something Blue
- Attend Fitting For The Traditional Outfits And Pick Them Up
- Attend To Any Last Minute Item
- Inform Wedding Planner Of Any Last Minute Changes

- Assign Responsibilities To Family And Friends Accordingly (If No Planner)
- Have A Spa Day And Get Your Manicure/Pedicure
- Practice Dance Moves (If/As Needed)
- Complete Wedding Rehearsal And Dinner
- Get A Goodnight Sleep

Day of Wedding:

- Eat A Good Breakfast And Lunch
- Start Hair And Makeup On Time
- Relax And Stay Calm
- Get Married – Dance The Night Away!

Wishing You Happy Married Life!

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