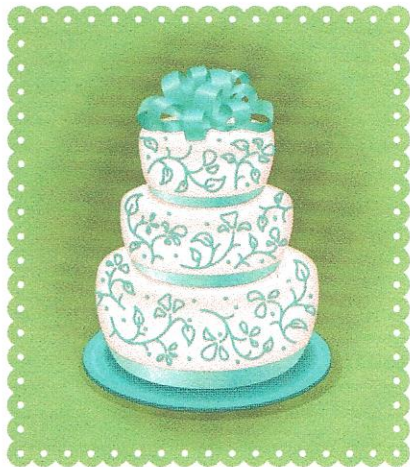


MAINE WEDDING checklist



You can get there from here ...
if you tackle one task at a time!

As Soon as Possible ...

- Work on wedding budget
- Select the wedding date, location, and time of ceremony
- Decide on type of wedding
- Call bridal consultant if needed
- Select and notify officials or clergy
- Select the type of music for the ceremony
- Select and reserve musicians and soloists
- Book reception location
- Contact caterer and reserve
- Reserve rental equipment
- Contact photographer and reserve
- Contact videographer and reserve
- Book reception entertainment
- Reserve wedding day transportation
- Have engagement picture taken
- Pick wedding color scheme
- Visit bridal salon
- Select and order bridal dress and headpiece
- Select and verify attendants
- Decide on attendants' dresses and headpieces
- Order all gowns and schedule fittings
- Contact travel agents and make honeymoon reservations
- Discuss financial planning

6 to 8 months before ...

- Send engagement photo and announcement to local papers

- Register at selected bridal registries
- Have mothers select their dresses and schedule fittings
- Complete guest list with full names and addresses

4 to 6 months before ...

- Order invitations and personalized paper products
- Select florist and floral arrangements
- Hire baker and decide on cake
- Start shopping for trousseau
- Schedule bridal portrait for 2 to 3 weeks before wedding

2 to 4 months before ...

- Choose and reserve men's wedding attire
- Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner time
- Book rehearsal location
- Address invitations
- Confirm all details with hired professionals, have all agreements in writing
- Choose balloon releases and decorations
- Keep thank-you notes up-to-date for gifts received
- Plan showers, bachelorette and bachelor parties
- Select wedding bands
- Have bridal party fittings

4 to 8 weeks before ...

- Mail invitations to arrive 4 weeks in advance
- Purchase attendants' gifts
- Purchase bride/groom's gift
- Purchase wedding accessories
- Keep accurate records of RSVPs
- Have final dress fittings
- Inform all who are involved of rehearsal times and dates
- Make accommodations for out-of-town guests

- Supply guests with needed maps
- Complete shopping and fittings including going-away outfit

2 to 3 weeks before ...

- Meet with hairdresser and decide on best style
- Apply for marriage license
- Contact guests who have not responded
- Pick up wedding rings
- Have formal bridal portrait taken
- Meet with photographer and videographer
- Contact band or DJ with list of songs
- Pick up bridal attire
- Assign guestbook attendant

Week of the wedding ...

- Finalize guest list and arrive at total number
- Provide caterer with final count and seating arrangements
- Pick up honeymoon tickets and travelers checks
- Pick up men's formalwear
- Pack for honeymoon
- Know your hairstyle and makeup for the wedding day
- Confirm flower delivery times
- Assign wedding day duties to attendants, providing checklists
- Give gifts to attendants
- Attend bachelorette/bachelor parties
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Get plenty of sleep

Wedding Day ...

- Bring an extra photo list for photographer
- Bring wedding rings and marriage license
- Be dressed 2 hours in advance for pre-ceremony photos
- Try to relax and savor every moment!