

Wedding Checklist

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Just Engaged!

make your memories last

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So first people to tell are your parents and then close family and then your Maid of Honour and Best Man.

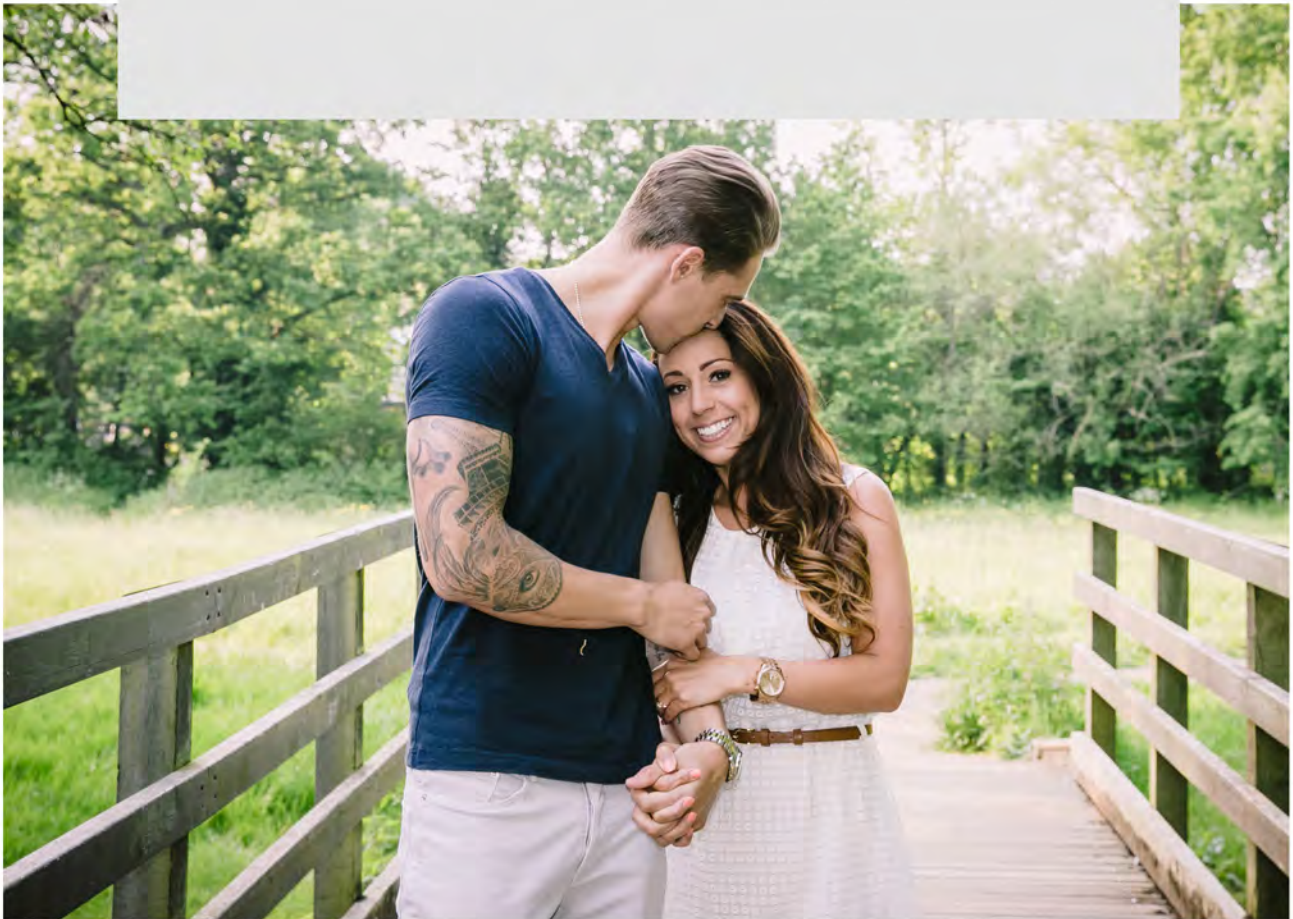
After that maybe you will want to shout it from the rooftops? Make an announcement on Facebook?

This might be a nice time to book an engagement shoot, you will get feel what it might be like on the day of your Wedding in front of a camera.

You will have some great photos to share on Facebook and Instagram of your big news, you could also use the photos for your save the date cards.

12 Months Before

1. Draw up a guest list, I know this sounds crazy but it might have a bearing on which venue you pick.
2. Decide on your budget.
3. Pick your date and a few Wedding and Reception venues to visit.
4. Book your Photographer.
5. Book your Videographer, Photographers and Videographers get booked up about a year, (sometimes more) in advance.
6. Start looking for your dream dress, a local Wedding Dress Boutique has told me it is best to order your dress about 9 months before the big day.
7. Send your save the dates.



10-8 Months Before

1. Think about what kind of Wedding cake design you would like and set about finding a good Wedding cake maker for your day. Again good Cake makers get booked up in advance.

2. Decide on suits and book them or research online where you would like to buy them from.

3. If your venue doesn't have accommodation you may want to think about researching and pre-booking hotel accommodation to ensure everyone has somewhere to stay.

4. This is a good time to think about your evenings entertainment, a Band? A Magician? DJ? Photobooth And then book those too.

5. Wanting a lovely vehicle to get you to the Church on time, now is the time to start looking and booking this too.

6. Venue decor, chair covers etc. Hopefully you will have idea of your theme by now. There are also companies that hire out giant LED letters or Mr and Mrs and even a giant Love heart!

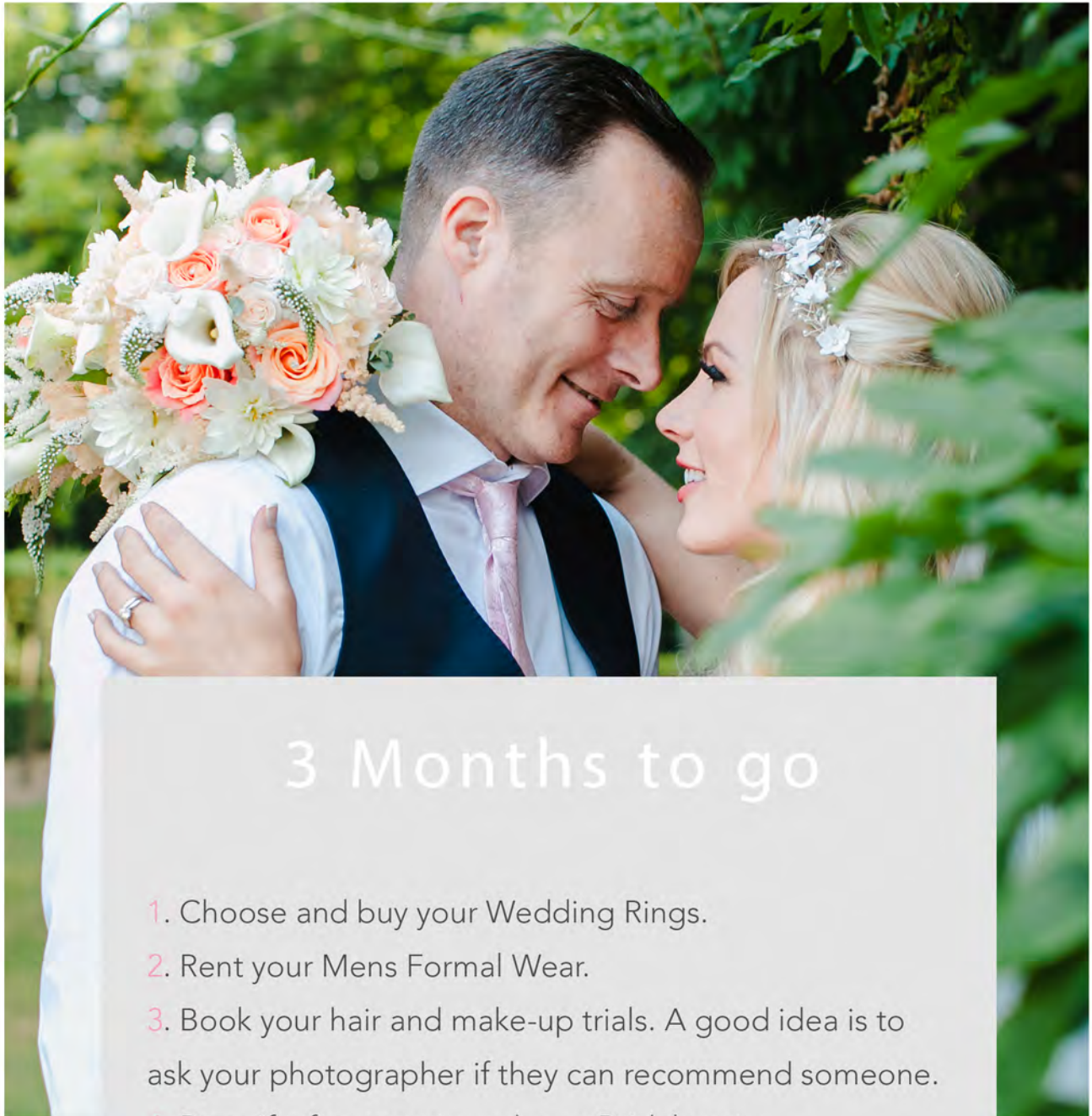
7. Will you go on a Honeymoon after your Wedding? Now's the time to be booking this too.

8. Go and see a florist.



6-8 Months Before

1. Start planning your Stag and Hen do's! Or rather give your Best Man or Maid of Honour a nudge.... they need to pull thier finger out!
2. If you've always dreamed of a Harpist or string quartet to play you down the aisle this is the ideal time to start looking and booking.
3. Check your passports are in date, you never know you maybe going abroad for your Stag / Hen do's! You will also need them for your Honeymoon.
4. If you have ordered your dress, now is the time to start looking for those special extras to complete your Wedding day look.
5. Start thinking about and researching your Wedding favours.



3 Months to go

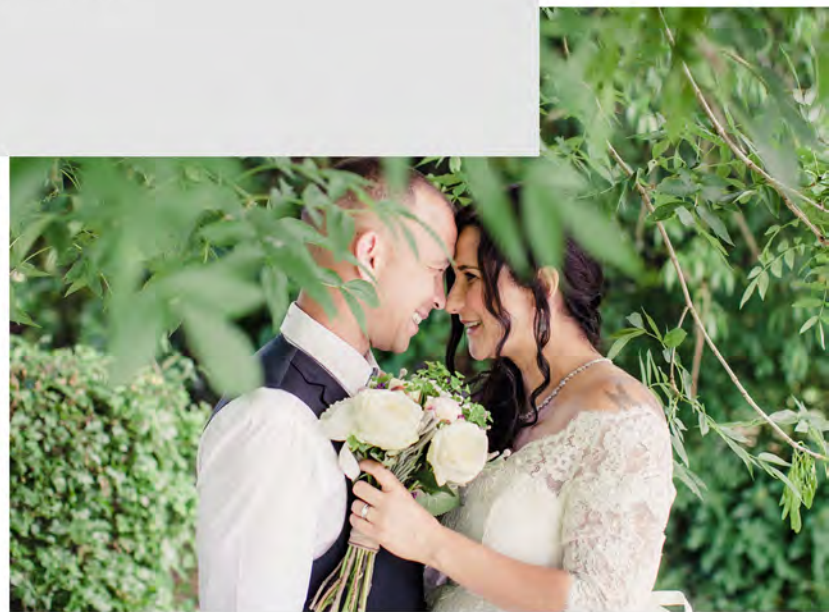
1. Choose and buy your Wedding Rings.
2. Rent your Mens Formal Wear.
3. Book your hair and make-up trials. A good idea is to ask your photographer if they can recommend someone.
4. Buy gifts for parents and your Bridal party.
5. Go to Wedding Dress fittings, a lovely thing to do with your Mum and your Bridesmaids!
6. Send your invites if you haven't already.





4 Weeks To Go!

1. Final Wedding Dress Fitting.
2. Are your order of services printed and collected?
3. Check your guest list RSVP's
4. Finalise last minute preparations with any suppliers
5. As a photographer I will be giving you my questionnaire about this time, which will ask what is happening when and will also contain a suggested Groups shot list. Do plan when you will be putting your dress on, this will lead to less stress on your Wedding morning.



Thank you

For reading,

I hope this has helped you start your Wedding plans!

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