

# WEDDING CHECKLIST

## 10 to 12 Months from the big day

- Pick up a copy of the Dripping Springs Wedding Guide
- Work on a budget – What are the things most important to you? Go all out!
- Do you have a style? Pick one and work from there.
- Work on a rough draft of a guest list.
- Pick your bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Indoor or Outdoor, keep weather in mind – Use the venue list at the back of the magazine for some of the best options in Dripping Springs.
- Select a date!
- Pick the perfect dress!
- Start deciding on vendors – Peruse the Dripping Springs Wedding Guide for local catering options, photographers, bakers and more!
- Is the stress getting to you? Hire a wedding planner.

## 6 to 9 Months from the big day

- Don't forget the honeymoon!
- Continue looking for wedding vendors
  - Flowers
  - Cake
  - Entertainment
  - Wedding invitations
  - Caterers
  - Select your bridal registry locations
  - Talk to local B & B's and hotels for out of town guests
  - Pick out a special gift for your bridesmaids
  - Search and pick out flower girl dresses
  - How will you arrive and depart from the wedding? Search for transportation
  - Create a guest list and location for bridal shower

## 3 to 5 Months from the big day

- Reserve rehearsal dinner location, pick menu, make guest list
- Get your linens, tents, tables & chairs booked
- Decide on favors for guests
- Pick grooms attire (or he might!)
- Edit guest list for invitations
- Check and approve wedding invitations
- Work on vows, especially if you are writing them yourselves
- Select a menu or hors d'oeuvres for the reception
- Get organized for the big day, set up times for hair & makeup
- Pick out and buy the ring
- Select and book honeymoon getaway

## 6 to 8 Weeks from the big day

- Mail out invitations, double check guest list
- Confirm bookings with vendors
- Look for information on obtaining a marriage license and name change requirements
- Try on the dress, get fitted if necessary
- Take a dance class
- Make sure bridesmaids and groomsmen have their attire ready

- 5 Weeks left until the big day
  - Mail rehearsal invitations
  - Practice your vows, go over them with officiant
  - Make sure photographer/videographer knows which shots are most important to you
  - Work with the DJ/Band/venue to pick songs for wedding & rehearsal
  - Make reception order, ask friends and family to make toasts or speeches
  - Confirm wedding night and honeymoon accommodations
  - Get the marriage license
  - Pick up wedding rings
  - Don't forget something old, new, borrowed and blue
  - Pick out a guestbook, toasting flutes & cake servers
  - Purchase gifts for the bride & groom parents, and the wedding party
  - Go for final fitting, take shoes for checking length
  - Call guests who have not returned their RSVPs

## 1 to 2 Weeks until the big day

- Confirm final guest count and notify vendors, confirm cake delivery date
- Design a seating chart for the reception
- Pick up gown and check on wedding party attire
- Go over backup plan with venue for weather conditions
- Make sure you have vendors paid or checks for them. Assign someone make sure vendors receive payment

## The Day Before the big day

- Pack all wedding day items and your honeymoon bag
- Assign someone to pick up gifts after rehearsal
- Put someone in charge of seeing the reception area gets cleaned and all items returned to vendors
- Get ready for rehearsal, don't forget wedding party gifts
- Try to get some rest, tomorrow is going to be a busy day

## BIG DAY

- Allow yourself plenty of time to get dressed
- Take your walk down the aisle
- Enjoy your big day, this is what you have been planning for