

# tie the knot

THE PERFECT WEDDING PLANNER

## *indian wedding checklist*

first things first

- Decide on a date for the wedding (this is something you may have to see an Indian Priest about)
- Think about how many functions you need to organise, and set their dates and times
- Consider your budget
- Decide the size of the wedding
- Allocate responsibilities between both families
- Draw up a first draft guest list for the various functions
- Visit possible venues to discuss their availability and cost
- Decide on your attendants and ask each of them

nine - six months

- Book the ceremony and reception venues (pay deposits)
- Decide on your menu and book caterers for all your functions
- Book a professional photographer and/or videographer
- Book panditji for the wedding
- Finalise your guest list, inform family and friends that may need to travel
- Order wedding invitations
- Book your wedding décor arrangements – (confirm your colour theme, flowers, mandaps etc)
- Book your florist
- Start thinking about honeymoon locations (or you could delegate this to the Groom)
- Book your DJ or live entertainment you wish to have for your functions
- Shop around for wedding cakes
- Shop around for wedding favours
- Shop or place orders for your wedding attire for all the functions – Groom, Bride, Bridesmaids, Groomsmen, Parents etc.
- Choose your wedding jewellery and wedding rings
- Start your beauty routines
- Allocate someone to organise the Hens/Stag night

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- Mail out you overseas invites
- Book mehendi artist, make up and hair stylist
- Book any other party rentals you may require for all your functions - eg chairs tables
- Book your transportation needs
- Register your gift choice at your desired stores
- Book accommodation for your overseas guests
- Purchase all wedding attire for the Bride, Groom and the bridal party
- Book your honeymoon (or make sure it is booked!). Don't forget about visas, vaccines and your passport expiry date.
- Purchase/order your favours for all your functions

two months

- Send out your wedding invites - (keep a record of acceptances and refusals)
- Finalise your menus for your functions
- Confirm all your floral and décor arrangements
- Confirm all your music and entertainment needed for your functions
- Book sweets or methai for your functions
- Purchase your wedding rings
- Get your marriage license
- Ask the people who you want to do speeches
- If you need to - purchase gifts that you may need to give to both families
- Book your wedding cake
- Meet with the photographer and videographer - advise them on what you want on the day (different photographic styles - give them a run down on what the days will be like so they know what to expect).
- Visit your Priest to finalise details for all the functions

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