



Two-Month Wedding Planning & Timeline

Week 1 -2 Foundation & Big Decisions

Immediate Action (Days 1-3)

- **Set your budget** and determine who is contributing what
- **Choose your wedding date**-consider weekdays for better venue availability
- **Create your guest list** - be realistic about numbers
- **Send electronic save-the-dates** and request quick RSVPs
- **Reserve your wedding venue** (Ceremony and reception)
- **Book officiant**
- **Select and contact wedding party members**

By The End of Week 2

- **Hire photographer/Videographer**
- **Choose your color palette** and overall style and theme
- **Start shopping for a wedding dress** - focus on off-the-rack options
- **Research caterers** - or plan DIY food options
- **Obtain marriage license** - requirements vary by state
- **Order wedding invitations** - rush delivery or use ready made designs

Week 3-4 Vendors & Details

Week 3 Priorities

- **Order wedding dress** - allow time for alterations
- **Book caterer** or finalize food plans
- **Order wedding cake** - check smaller bakeries, Costco, grocery stores
- **Secure entertainment** - DJ, band or playlist
- **Send wedding invitations**
- **Book any needed rentals** - tables, chairs, linens

Week 4 Tasks

- **Assign specific tasks to wedding party members**
- **Plan flowers or decor** - consider DIY or Costco
- **Book hair and makeup appointments**
- **Hire wait staff if needed** and go over duties with them

- **Arrange transportation for wedding day**
- **Order or DIY wedding favors** - this is optional if time and budget allows

Week 5-6: Finalize & Confirm

Week 5 Focus

- **Confirm all vendor details** and delivery times
- **Finalize menu** and guest count with caterer
- **Schedule dress fitting** and any needed alterations
- **Plan rehearsal dinner** - keep it simple
- **Create wedding timeline** for all vendors
- **Delegate set-up and clean up duties**

Week 6 Actions

- **Confirm RSVPs** and finalize headcount
- **Make seating chart** if having seated dinner
- **Pick up wedding dress** after alterations
- **Confirm all vendor arrival times**
- **Make wedding day emergency kit** (see post at eventstocelebrate.net)
- **Brief wedding party** on their responsibilities

Week 7-8: Final Preparations

Week 7 Tasks

- **Final venue walkthrough** with key vendors
- **Confirm all details with officiant**
- **Prep last minute decor or wedding favors** with help from wedding party
- **Pack marriage license** with wedding day stuff to take to venue
- **Final headcount** to caterer if you haven't already done this
- **Pack for honeymoon** if leaving immediately after reception

Week 8: Wedding Week!

- **Day 1 & 2 final vendor confirmations**
- **Day 3 rehearsal & rehearsal dinner**
- **Day 4 prep flowers** if DIY and have all decor ready to go
- **Day 5 Spa day, early bedtime, delegate any remaining tasks**
- **Day 6 Your big day! Enjoy it!!**

Emergency Backup Plans

- **Weather contingency** - tent rental or indoor backup
- **Guest count changes** - plan for a 10% variance
- **Day of wedding coordinator** - someone not in the wedding party

Money Saving Tips for Short Timeline

- **Weekday weddings cost 20-30% less**
- **Brunch or lunch receptions are more affordable than dinner**
- **Use in-season flowers** and have a flexible color palette
- **Consider digital invitations** to save time and money
- **Grocery store cakes** can be beautifully decorated

Don't Forget These Details

- **Wedding rings** if not purchased yet
- **Guest book** or alternative (this is completely optional)
- **Ceremony programs** (optional)
- **Thank you cards** - can be ordered after the wedding
- **Marriage certificate** certified copies

Most Important Reminder

Focus on what matter the most: Marrying the love of your life. Everything else is just pretty details. If something doesn't get done perfectly, no one will remember! In fact, expect a few things to not go exactly as planned and you'll have a much more realistic expectation of your wedding day.

Remember this timeline assumes you're asking for help and delegating tasks. It's tough to do this alone in only two months...and that's perfectly okay!