

Thinkmarriage.org Engagement Checklist

You're Engaged!! Here is a helpful Wedding Planning Checklist

- Tell your loved ones, face to face if possible.
- Decide if you are doing a formal announcement.
Talk to your parents (if applicable) to discuss which papers to announce in, and what the wording should be for parents and participants.
- Tell your friends and co-workers the happy news.
- Decide if you want to have some type of engagement dinner or party.
- Purchase a calendar that you can both use for the purpose of writing all the important dates coming up. Or use one online.
- Secure a date, time, place and reception venue.
- Key Tool!** Discuss how you will implement a marriage preparation course into your plan.
This one step alone can slash you risk of divorce to less than 10 percent.

[Learn more](#) about how to choose a course.

[thinkmarriage.org](#) offers online marriage preparation courses.

Check our [calendar for upcoming class dates](#).

- Start a scrapbook about your engagement. You'll enjoy looking at it through the years!
- Establish a budget for your wedding.
- Talk about who will be your attendants and invite them to participate.
- Shop for and buy all formal wear including brides and grooms attire.
- Book vendors for the big day. You may want to attend wedding shows as a way to see many vendors at one time. This could include: photographer, florist, transportation, who will perform the ceremony, musicians/DJ service, caterer and wedding cake.
- Pick out wedding rings.
- Plan rehearsal dinner including location and all details
- Book room accommodations for out of town guests at or near your wedding reception.
- Book wedding night and honeymoon accommodations.
- Register for gifts at department stores of choice.
- Finalize guest list and send out invitations.
- Finalize all aspects of your ceremony such as vows, wedding sand/candles/ music and receiving line etiquette, programs and order.
- Send out a save the date for the wedding up to six months in advance and a wedding invitation 1-2 months prior to the wedding date.
- Purchase wedding favors for guests, wedding gifts for attendants and bride and groom gifts.
- Book hairstylist for the wedding day.
- Arrange for wedding license and blood tests.
- Confirm all the details you have set up several weeks before the wedding.
- Set aside envelopes with payment prepared for all vendors.
- Write and practice toasts and speeches.
- Break in all shoes so you know they are comfortable.
- Get married and live happily ever after!**

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This PDF is interactive. Click the boxes after each list item to check it off the list!