

Wedding Stationery Timeline

12 months

If you are planning on working with a wedding stationery designer now is the perfect time to get in touch with them to book your date. This is especially important if you want to commission bespoke artwork such as venue illustrations or wedding maps. I only take on 3 bespoke clients for each month of the year to ensure I can provide an excellent service so it's good to get in touch once you've booked your venue and secured the date!

10 months

Now is the time to start looking at Save The Date cards and ordering samples. I'd always recommend ordering samples before placing your order to ensure that the printed product is just as beautiful as the digital images online. Look out for stationers at any wedding fairs you attend as this is a great way to see paper goods in person and ask the designer any questions.

8 - 9 months

Send us your Save The Date cards! Don't forget to factor shipping costs into your budget a small first class stamp is 72p and second class is 65p.

4 - 5 months

Send us your wedding invitations! If you're working with a stationer don't forget there could be a few rounds of revisions to ensure everything is perfect before the invitations are printed. I'd recommend ordering them 3/4 weeks before you want to send them out to your guests.

2 - 3 months

Order any on the day stationery you need such as; orders of service, signage, seating plans, table numbers, place name cards. This is also a good time to review your RSVPs and send out any second wave invitations.

After the big day

Send out your thank you cards! If you have booked your invitations with a wedding stationer you'll often receive a discount on these.

Wedding Stationery Checklist

Here's a helpful checklist to make sure you've got your wedding stationery sorted and nothing gets forgotten about. Also, is there anything more satisfying than checking things off a list?!

Contact your stationery designer to book in your date! A small deposit may be required but this is redeemable against your order.

Create your wedding website! It's a good idea to do this before sending out Save The Date cards so you can include the details. I love <https://withjoy.com> it's free, super easy to use and looks beautiful.

Collect guest addresses in an excel spreadsheet. Not a very glamorous job. Maybe out-source this one to your mum or partner!

Order Save The Date cards!

Post Save The Date cards.

Gather all of the information for your wedding invitations including; timings, transport, accommodation, RSVP date and gift information.

Order your wedding invitations!

Post wedding invitations

Keep track of your RSVP's. Probably another dreaded spreadsheet!



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Send out any second wave invitations

Plan your seating arrangements. You'll probably need to send a copy of this to both your stationer and your venue/wedding planner.

Gather information for your Order of Service, including the words to any hymns, songs or prayers you'd like guests to take part in. Think of fun ways to personalise this! You could include a photo from when you got engaged or fun facts about your relationship to keep guests entertained while they wait for the service to begin.

If you are having menus printed speak to your venue or caterer to confirm the details

Order your on the day stationery including; Orders of Service, signage, seating plan, place name cards and menus

Delegate (if you don't have an on the day wedding planner)! I'd recommend giving Orders of Service to groomsmen to hand out (provided they are trustworthy!). There should be a contact at the venue who can organise your seating plan, signage, place name cards and menus and if not this is a perfect job for a close family friend.

Order and post your thank you cards! If you receive physical presents I'd recommend keeping a list of who has gifted what so that you can write thoughtful and personal thank you notes.

