

# Miss Bella BRIDAL

## WEDDING DRESS TIMELINE CHECKLIST

### ■ **Set your budget for the dress**

#### 12 – 16 Months Prior or More

##### BEGIN YOUR RESEARCH

- Explore weddings in magazines, blogs to find styles/designs of dresses that you like.

#### 12 Prior

##### BEFORE THE DRESS FITTING

- Create a list of bridal salons and/or designers you wish to make an appointment with.
- Contact bridal salons and/or designers to book an appointment of at least 1 hour each salon to meet designers and try on styles.
- Purchase appropriate underwear such as bras and dress slips (preferably in nude) to take along to try on with their dress.
- Find a pair of shoes of the same height that you intend to wear on your wedding day to take along.

##### DURING THE DRESS FITTINGS

- Work with the bridal boutique to find your 'shape' – there are 5 shapes in bridal.
- Have the undergarments you are wearing on the day.
- Try on several different gowns to see what looks good on you.
- Ask about various styles and fabric, any expected additional lead times for these any additional tailoring costs and timelines, refunds and return policies.
- Try not to bring more than two to three people with to avoid opinion overwhelm.
- Don't be afraid to try styles you hadn't originally anticipated. They might look great on you?

##### AFTER THE DRESS FITTINGS

- Compare the different dress styles that you tried on and designers that you met and decide on no more than 3 top choices.
- Follow up with bridal salons or designers that are among your top 3 choices to make a second appointment.
- Select your dress or dress designer with at least 3-6 months to spare before your wedding date allowing for enough time to order the dress in and for fittings.
- Try on various bridal accessories such as veils, sashes, jewellery, or hair accessories to complement your dress.

- Once your dress has been ordered or designer chosen, schedule your dress fitting dates to have your dress made-to-fit or custom made.

#### 6 Months Prior

- Order your bridesmaids dresses and arrange that their accessories, jewellery and shoes are taken care of.

#### 4 Months Prior

- Make arrangements with a bridesmaid or family member to have dress cleaned or professionally preserved if you're heading off on honeymoon.
- Custom made bridal accessories such as a bridal veil, gloves or headpieces should be ordered.
- Purchase or make a cute wedding dress hanger for getting ready photographs.

#### 8 Weeks Prior

- Once your dress has arrived or has been created by your designer, expect to attend at least 1-3 dress fittings (taking along the undergarments and shoes) to get your dress and overall bridal look right.
- Take your wedding veil and accessories along to any additional fittings to envisage the overall effect and to make any minor alterations.
- Bring along your maid of honour or mum so they can learn how to help you get into your dress.

#### 1-4 Weeks Prior

- Excitement? Schedule a appointment to collect your completed wedding gowns and to ask any questions that you might still have.
- Hang your gown in a secure and high place to ensure that it is kept clean and unwrinkled.
- If crinkled leave in a bathroom so the steam can iron out the crinkles.

#### Afterwards

- Have dress dry cleaned to sell, or
- Have dress cleaned and preserved to keep.

#### ENJOY YOUR WEDDING DAY IN YOUR DREAM DRESS!

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