

AFGHAN NIKAH CEREMONY CHECKLIST

5 Months Before

- Set a date
- Set your budget
- Start looking for a venue
- Start looking for caterers
- Settle on a theme and a color scheme
- Start a planning binder

4 Months Before

- Put your guest list together
- Book venues and caterers
- Book a band or DJ that can play the traditional procession song "Ahesta Boro"
- Book your Officiant
- Book your Photographer
- Book your Videographer

3 Months Before

- Invite friends and family to join your Nikah Party as your helpers
- Order your Nikah dress and the groom's attire
- Choose and purchase your accessories such as jewelry, shoes, and the green belt for the bride
- Decide on details such as: The Bridal Seat and the decor
- Meet with florist to plan floral arrangements
- Choose and order Nikah Ceremony invitations and stationery such as; Save the date cards, directions to the venue, menu cards, table numbers and name cards.
- Order the cake (Optional)
- Block hotel rooms for out of town guests
- Update your wedding website by adding your Nikah Ceremony details
- Make sure with the venue or the DJ to arrange for a mic and speakers for the Nikah Ceremony

2 Months Before

- Begin dress fitting (If applicable)
- Make hair and make-up appointments
- Arrange all transportation
- Send out the Nikah Ceremony save the date cards
- Purchase "Nikah" supplies such as; A Quran, candles, candle holders, flowers, and any other small decor pieces.

1 Month Before

- Send out invitations and make a system to record all RSVP's
- Check in with your vendors to make sure that you are all on the same page

2 Weeks Before

- Final fittings
- Purchase the non-perishable favors and giveaway gifts such as Nuqul – Afghan frosted almond candies (If applicable)
- Assemble the non-perishable Nikah favors and giveaway gifts
- Make a list of family members for the "Pazirahi" to greet the guests
- Make your seating arrangements

1 Week Before

- Make a back-up plan in case of weather issue
- Confirm final information with the vendors
- Send out final payments
- Send the final schedule to your Nikah Ceremony helpers
- Pick up your dress and the groom's attire

1 Day Before

- Get a manicure/pedicure
- Pack all the Nikah day essentials
- Get a good night's sleep

The Big Day

- Wake-up early
- Have breakfast
- Get ready for the hair and make-up
- Dress for your Nikah Ceremony
- Greet your beloved ones
- Enjoy!

The Following Few Days

- Preserve or donate your gown
- Review your vendors
- Update your wedding website and add some Nikah Ceremony pictures
- Return or exchange any unwanted gifts
- Return any unused items you bought for the ceremony

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