

AFGHAN WEDDING CHECKLIST

12 Months Before

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

10 Months Before

- Put guest list together
- Book venues and caterers
- Book a band or DJ that can play the traditional procession song "Ahesta Boro"
- Book your officiant
- Find your photographer
- Find your videographer

8 Months Before

- Choose wedding stationery
- Order save the date cards
- Invite friends and family to join your wedding party
- Order your wedding dress
- Start your wedding registry
- Block hotel rooms for out of town guests
- Start your wedding website
- Start your beauty timeline

6 Months Before

- Send out save the date cards
- Plan your honeymoon
- Order bridesmaids' dresses
- Meet with florist to plan floral arrangements

4 Months Before

- Order the cake
- Order the groom's and the best men's attire
- Plan your Henna ceremony
- Plan your Nikah ceremony
- Plan your Rehearsal dinner
- Make hair and make-up appointments

2 Months Before

- Send out invitations and make a system to record all RSVP's
- Begin dress fitting
- Arrange all transportation
- Purchase the rings

1 Month Before

- Get your marriage license
- Check in with your vendors
- Make your seating plan
- Order day of stationery
- Purchase "Aina Mosaf" supplies
- Purchase "Sharbat" supplies
- Purchase "Henna" supplies
- Ask family and friends to be ready to participate in the "Attan" dance on your wedding day

2 Weeks Before

- Final fittings
- Finalize wedding vows and readings with your officiant
- Assemble wedding favors
- Assign a family member to make the "Maleeda"
- Make a list of family members for the "Pazirahi" to greet the guests

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 wedding party
- Pick up wedding dress and tuxedo
- Purchase the "Maleeda" supplies

1 Day Before

- Get a manicure/pedicure
- Get the "Maleeda" ready
- Enjoy the Rehearsal dinner
- Give your gifts to the wedding party
- Pack all the Wedding 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 the photoshoot
- Greet your beloved ones
- Get Married
- Enjoy!

The Following Few Days

- Preserve or donate your gown
- Send your "Thank You" notes
- Order your wedding album
- Review your vendors
- Return or exchange any unwanted wedding gifts
- Purchase any gifts that you did not receive
- Take down your wedding website and registry
- Return any unused items you bought for the wedding
- Legally change your name

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