

Bridesmaid Dresses: Attire Timeline

Bridesmaid Dress planning can never be started too soon and can be a great stress reducer. Below is a suggested timeline for making sure your bridesmaids will be dressed and ready for the big day in plenty of time. Be sure to enlist the help of your Maid of Honor!

9- 12 Months

- Select and invite your attendants to be in your wedding.
- Have all attendants measured professionally as soon as possible.
- Start thinking about colors and fabrics.
- Shop for bridesmaid dresses.

6 – 9 Months

- Decide on bridesmaid dresses.
- Shop for the best price.
- Order bridesmaid dresses.
- Start shopping for accessories (shoes, gloves, purses, wraps, jewelry).

3 – 6 Months

- Arrange for 1st fitting and bring shoes with correct heel height.
- Order accessories (shoes, gloves, purses, shawls, jewelry).
- Decide on flowers and ribbons for bouquets.

1 – 3 Months

- Arrange for final fittings.
- Arrange for dresses to be picked up.
- Decide on hair styles, lipstick and nail colors.
- Make appointments for hair, make up and nails if using a professional(s).
- Purchase bridesmaid gifts.

2 Weeks – 1 Month

- Have all bridesmaids try on their dresses with all accessories one more time.
- Provide checklist to bridesmaids for the rehearsal and the wedding day – what they should bring (including lingerie) and timeline of events.

2 Days - 1 Week

- Call all bridesmaids with any changes in plans or updated information.
- Provide checklist and timeline to all bridesmaids if you haven't already done so.
- Make sure everyone has their dress, shoes, slippers, hosiery, and other accessories.
- Attend the rehearsal and dinner.

The Day Before

- Have a day of pampering at your favorite beauty spa with your bridesmaids.
- Ask everyone to try to get a good night's sleep & keep alcohol intake to a minimum.
- Ask your attendants to lay out their clothes and accessories the night before.
- Remind your bridal party one last time where they need to be and when.

Chantilly Lace Bridals hopes this timeline is helpful. We highly recommend printing this page out to keep in mind during the whole bridesmaid dress process.