



Wedding Stationery Timeline

The Proposal!

Holy Guacamole! You're engaged! Congratulations!!

Engagement Announcements

*Shout it to the world! If you want to. Historically, engagement announcements were mailed out to give people a chance to contest the marriage (I recommend not sending to **those** people). If you're planning on having a long engagement this is a fun way to let people know you've taken the next step. Snail mail or email!*

1 or 2 months after the proposal, or whenever you damn well please

Save the dates

Or as the pros call it: STDs. STDs give your basic wedding info to your attendees. Who, What, When, Where, and sometimes Why. If you're planning on having a destination wedding or asking your guests to travel long distances: earlier is better! Snail mail or email!

Local: 4 Months before | Destination: 8-12 months before

Invitations, RSVPs, Wedding Info

The meat & potatoes of the wedding stationery suite (unless you're vegan, of course)! This is where you'll include all the details: names, date, locations, times, reception info, etc. Don't leave anything up to your attendees' imaginations or you'll have Uncle Boris showing up to cocktail hour in his crocs and jorts...which may or may not be a good thing depending on what you're going for.

Make sure you get an accurate count for how many guests you'll have. You do NOT want to run out of food...I repeat! DO NOT run out of food. Include a returnable RSVP or RSVP wedding website URL with your invitation.

6-8 weeks before the wedding

Programs, Menus, Day of Signage

If you plan on having programs, menus, cocktail menus, welcome notes etc. - plan early. You will have 3.672 trillion things to do before your wedding and the last thing you want to be thinking about is how to spell your meema-in-law's real name.

3+ weeks before wedding

Wedding Day!!!!!!!

You got this.

Thank you cards

If you have the capacity - get these out of the way before the wedding. That being said, it's never too late to be thankful. Pro tip: write your Thank You while you open your gifts.