The French Farmhouse Planning Checklist:

11-12 Months

- [ ] Create a wedding email
  Ex: BecomingTheSmiths@Gmail.com
- [ ] Take your engagement photos
- [ ] Begin creating guest list
- [ ] Schedule venue tours
- [ ] Make a list of potential wedding days
- [ ] Hire wedding planner
- [ ] Pick your vibe
  - Formal, Black Tie, Casual, etc.
- [ ] Determine a budget

09-10 Months

- [ ] Hire vendors that book quickly
  - Photographer
  - Videographer
  - Caterer
  - Band/ DJ
  - Florist
  - Hair and Makeup
  - Cake or Dessert
- [ ] Propose to your Bridesmaids
  - Check out Etsy! They have some fun stuff for this!
- [ ] Create a wedding website (we recommend The Knot or Zola)
- [ ] Figure out where you would like guests to stay
  Hotel/ Airbnb
  - This is a good time to determine if you'd like to provide transportation
- [ ] Start envisioning what you would like your Save the Date to look like
  - These will be sent between 8-10 months out
- [ ] This is a great time for an engagement party!
- [ ] Schedule catering and cake tastings. YUM!
- [ ] Schedule Wedding Dress appointments

07-08 Months

- [ ] Order Wedding Dress
  - Start envisioning what shoes and jewelry you would like
- [ ] Start looking into what items you would like to register for
- [ ] Pick your Bridesmaid's dresses
  - We love Revelry, Show Me Your Mumu, Birdy Grey, Azazie
- [ ] Make sure you have met with or zoomed your wedding vendors
- [ ] Decide where you would like to have Rehearsal Dinner
  - Get a rough guest with plus ones!
- [ ] Decide what rental items you will need
  - Chargers
  - Linens (you will need these for round tables. The rounds at the Farmhouse are 60 inches and will need 120-inch linens. Don't forget to get linens for your DJ and Catering tables)
  - Lounge Furniture
  - Dance Floor
  - Plates and Silverware
  - Napkins
- [ ] Hire Officiant and if you are interested- start Marriage Counseling.

05-06 Months

- [ ] Book transportation for newlyweds and guests if you are providing transportation
  - We recommend ECS or Premier Transportation
- [ ] Book your Honeymoon
- [ ] Decide what you want the groom and his groomsmen to wear
  - We like the Black Tux and Generation Tuxedo for rentals
- [ ] Draft your wedding day timeline with your photographer and planner
- [ ] Send out final invitations
- [ ] Pick your ring bearer and flower girl attire

03-04 Months

- [ ] Send rehearsal dinner invites
- [ ] Get your Wedding Dress altered
- [ ] Order your details
  - Bar signs
  - Gift box
  - Cake Topper
  - Toasting Flutes
  - Table numbers
  - Cake Stand
  - Guest Book
  - Cute Hangers
- [ ] Pick wedding day gifts for your parents
- [ ] Buy your wedding bands
- [ ] Hair and Makeup Trial
- [ ] Purchase your fun, optional items!
  - Light-up Cowboy hats
  - Neons/ Glowsticks
  - Send-off items (sparklers, bubbles no-mess confetti)
  - Welcome Bags
  - Guest Favors
  - Beer Donkey's
  - Musicians for ceremony/ cocktail hour

01-02 Months

- [ ] Write your vows
- [ ] Finalize timeline and send to party, family & vendors
- [ ] Confirm all RSVP's
- [ ] Get your Marriage License
  - You can get your license in any county. However, when your officiant signs- we are located in Cooke County!
- [ ] Confirm songs you want the DJ/ Band to play AND the songs you don't want them to play
- [ ] Buy wedding day gifts for party
- [ ] Purchase small items
- [ ] Make sure all vendors are paid in full
- [ ] Create seating chart
- [ ] Customize your floor plan in our FFH Canva Template
- [ ] Answer your Planning Pod Questionnaire
- [ ] Break in those dancing shoes!
- [ ] Fill out your Wedding Day Insurance
- [ ] Have all your tips in Envelopes to distribute including your day-of security- $300 cash

Week Of!!

- [ ] Write wedding day note to your partner
- [ ] Get your rings cleaned
- [ ] Pack your Bags for your Honeymoon
- [ ] Mani/Pedi with the girls
- [ ] Dermaplane (This makes your makeup look SO smooth!)
- [ ] Decide what food/snacks/drinks you'd like in the Bridal Suite
  - The Gainesville Chick-fil-a delivers to the Farmhouse- Sunday Brides! Remember Chick-Fil-A is closed on Sunday
    Sandwich platters are always a hit!
- [ ] Get good sleep
- [ ] Drink lots of water
- [ ] Don't forget to eat!





The French Farmhouse Pro Tips:

- If the Farmhouse is unavailable the night before your wedding, we recommend a day-of rehearsal with everyone except the bride. This usually takes 20 minutes and is super convenient, because everyone will already be at the venue.
- Linens: The round tables require 120-inch linens, and don't forget to order linens for your catering tables and DJ
- We recommend putting self-serve drinks like water and tea on the granite behind the bar
- Alcohol must stop being served 30 minutes before send-off
- Send-off must be by 11 p.m. and tear-down needs to be completed by midnight. We do the deep clean (tables, chairs & mopping) Bartenders will take their trash to the dumpsters, and catering will serve, bus and take their trash to the dumpsters. All belongings and people must be out by midnight.
- We have 3 easels for you to use, and we have signage to direct your guests to the ceremony.
- We recommend telling your groomsmen and bridal party to tidy up the suites before your photographer arrives. That way you are ready to roll when your photographer arrives!

If you would like to have your bridal or engagement session at the French Farmhouse, please email Kelsey@TheFrenchFarmhouseVenue.com This will be a one-hour session during the week.
You may also email Kelsey to schedule a time to bring your planner to the venue.

Farmhouse Item Checklist:

- 10 Farmhouse tables
- 20- 60" round tables- need linens
- 5- 48" tables- need linens
- 3- 8' plastic tables- need linens
- 3- 6' plastic tables- need linens
- 1- Sweetheart Table
- 1- Greenery Wall- 8'x8'

Vendor Checklist:

- [ ] Venue
- [ ] Planner/ Day-of Coordinator
- [ ] Photographer
- [ ] Videographer
- [ ] Caterer
- [ ] Florist
- [ ] DJ/Band
- [ ] Bartenders
- [ ] Linens/Rentals

Farmhouse Dimensions-



Farmhouse Tables
8'x40''
31'' tall



3-Ring Door
10' tall
8' across
Same as Chapel



Sweetheart Table
52'' x 32''
31'' tall



Reception Mantle
56'' tall
78'' across
11'' ledge depth



Round Tables
60''



Porch Mantle
67'' Floor to Ledge
90'' across
6'' ledge depth



Cocktail Tables
30'' Across
41'' Tall



Enclosed Porch
18' x 65'

Farmhouse Dimensions-



Cake Stand
Base- 2.4"
Height to rim- 3.7"
Height to top of light- 4.8"



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