

When to start your wedding invitations: ...A FORMULA!



*The secret?
Count backwards!*

Wedding date: _____

Subtract 2 months _____

This date is when you need to get **invitations in the mail.**

Subtract 1 month _____

This date is when you need to have invitations in your hand to allow adequate time for **addressing, stuffing, stamping**, etc. — all the prep work before mail time! Allow a little extra time if you're having calligraphy done!

Subtract 2 months _____

Time to order! If working with a stationer on a custom design, plan about eight weeks from start to finish for the work to be completed. If you are ordering invitations online or from an album, you can shorten this time frame some, but remember it's always best to give yourself more, and your vendor, more than enough time!

Subtract 1 month _____

This is your wedding invitation start date!

This date is when you should know the direction you're going with your wedding invitations. Have your ideas thought out, know your colors and possible design options you like. If you're going with a stationer, make sure you contact them prior to this date to confirm availability. If you're ordering online or from an album, start planning where you will order from.

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EXAMPLE

Wedding date: September 20, 2014

Subtract 2 months July 20, 2014

This date is when you need
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Subtract 1 month June 20, 2014

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Subtract 2 months April 20, 2014

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Subtract 1 month March 20, 2014

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