

Newlywed Checklist



Congratulations! If you're reading this, it means presumably you just got married. Or you saw this resource and wanted to recreate those newlywed years in your marriage. Either one is cool with us.

As fun and exciting your newlywed years are, they're also a challenge. You're entering into a whole new experience—marriage with your new spouse. It might feel daunting, but it doesn't have to. That's why we created this checklist—to make the most of your first few years of marriage!

HONEYMOON

A honeymoon is a vacation traditionally taken by a new bride and groom to celebrate their nuptials. But you already knew that. And you may have already gone on such a honeymoon. These are great ways to start off a strong connection early in marriage.

NAME CHANGE

This one is normally for the ladies—if they choose to take their husband's name, that is. Changing your last name is straightforward, but can be an irritating experience. There's a service called HitchSwitch that can actually help you out.

WEDDING THANK YOU NOTES

Remember all of those gifts you got at your wedding? It's customary to write Thank You notes to everyone.

Don't let this turn into a negative thing. Make it into a fun game with your new spouse. Share the responsibility together.

WEDDING PHOTOS

If you had a wedding photographer, you'll probably get all of your photos within a few weeks of the big day. Take some time to look through them together. Pick out your favorites and print out a few. Place them around your home.

UPDATE SOCIAL MEDIA

Officially changing your name may be complicated, but it's not as hard on social media. Change your Facebook status to 'married' —you're officially off the market now. And post a few of those awesome wedding photos online, too.

MERGE FINANCES

Some couples choose to keep their finances separate after marriage. But it's a good idea to at least consider merging your bank accounts and financial lives. That keeps things simpler. Meet with a local banker to get that process started.

GET A WILL

God forbid something would happen to either one of you any time soon. But you'll want to be prepared just in case anything does. Having a living will ensures that either (or both) of your assets will be taken care of should the worst happen.

DREAM TOGETHER

More than anything else, it's time to look forward to the future of your marriage. Spend plenty of time talking, holding hands, and staring lovingly into each others' eyes. Ask each other what you hope for the future. Dream big and love one another.