

# The 12 Month Countdown



12  
months

- How exciting! Family meeting: Mom, Dad, I decided I want a Quinceañera and I want the best party ever!
- Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, Quinceañera Magazine, websites... Start downloading and printing your favorite ideas.
- Register on quinceaneramagazine.com
- Go to a Quinceanera Magazine Expo in your area
- Set the magic date.

11  
months

- Create a guest list.
- Plan a budget plan with your parents
- Pick padrinos
- Set fitness goals
- Pick your royal court/ corte de honor
- Book a place for your ceremony and reception

10  
months

- Choose a party theme
- Hire quince planner (If you are using one)
- Start looking for a photographer/videographer
- Create invitations
- Decide what your damas and chambelanes will wear
- Decorations
- Party Gifts (recuerdos) When personalized it may take up to 3 months to deliver.

9  
months

- Compile and determine the final guest list with names and addresses.
- Start looking for invitations ideas
- Send save the dates
- Hire photographer and videographer
- Start looking for your dress

7  
months

- Find your Chambelan and dama outfit
- Order your quince gown
- Find your shoes and accessories
- Start interviews on a makeup artist and hair stylist
- Select readings and songs for your ceremony
- Look for a hotel for out of town guests
- Negotiate group discounts.

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6  
months

- Flowers and florist
- Look for a choreographer
- Start a basic gift registry list
- Book your music, if is DJ, or live band.
- Have your pre-quince photoshoot
- Order your quince invitations
- Chambelan and dama tuxedo and dress fittings
- If you will have jewelry, its time to start looking
- Book tent, lighting and other rentals if needed.

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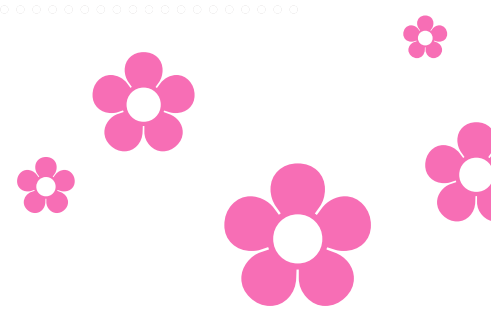
- Schedule meetings and a cake tasting
- Book a choreographer
- Review invitations proofs.
- Look for all the accessories (tiara, ramo, tocado, etc)

4  
months

- Rent a limo (Partybus, classic car, carriage, etc)
- Meet with priest or ceremony officiant
- Choose decorations
- Choose table linens
- Choose centerpieces

2-3  
months

- Order cake
- Start choosing songs for reception
- Mom's dress
- Siblings outfits.
- Dad's outfit
- Make an appointment for your dress fitting
- Schedule a food tasting
- Finalize guest list
- Decide on waltz songs
- Decide on baile sorpresa song
- Schedule choreography practices



# 84 Weeks

- Time to mail invitations
- Choose sitting cards
- Arrange sitting chapter
- Finalize all decorations
- Hand out or mail out invitations
- Finalize all choreography
- Final trial run on your hair and makeup with accessories
- Final dress fitting
- Ceremony practice
- Confirm all of your vendors
- Make a timeline for your vendors

# 42 Weeks

- Set up final meeting with your florist
- Arrange for people to help you seating and receiving gifts at reception
- Confirm with hotel for room reservations
- Find out where other people will stay
- Have a final dress fitting

# 1 Week

- Have your dress steamed.
- Pick up your dress
- Call the limo company to confirm pick up time
- Get manicure and pedicure
- Waxing
- Hair color or retouch
- Break your heels in
- Practice your baile sopena one more time
- Prepare a "thank you" speech
- Rehearse religious ceremony at location

# 4 Days

- Practice your speech
- Final choreography practices
- Write a program of your day
- Give guest book, cake knife, champagne bottles and party favors to a person who will distribute them
- Confirm with your damas all outfits are put together and ready

# 2 Days

- Have your chambelanes go pick up their tuxedos
- Practice your speech one more time
- Review and finalize seating chart
- If possible arrange a get together with your close family. Feel the excitement
- Check your dress for an additional steam

# 1 Day

- Relax.
- Go to bed early
- Avoid salty foods.

## Quinceanera day:

- Wake up early.
  - Have a good breakfast
  - Get ready
  - Be on time
  - Relax and Enjoy
- Today is going to be a magical day!

## The day after:

- Return rental tuxedos
- Return all rentals
- Thank all your guests
- If preserving gown, send it to preservation company
- Send a thank you note to all the people that helped you