

Wedding Photography Checklist

Getting Ready

- Bride having her hair styled and makeup applied.
- Bride's gown (hanging, draped, etc.)
- Still life shots of the bride's accessories and shoes.
- Close-up shot of the wedding rings.
- Detailed shots of the wedding bouquet.
- Candid shots of bridesmaids getting ready.
- Mother buttoning the bride's gown.
- Mother fastening the bride's necklace.
- Mother or maid of honor pinning the view or flowers.
- Full-length shot of the bride in her gown, looking in a mirror or out of a window, etc.
- Bridesmaids reacting to the bride in her gown (candid or staged).
- Father seeing the bride in her gown for the first time.
- Bride and mother portrait.
- Bride and father portrait.
- Bride pinning corsage and boutonniere on mother and father.
- Groom getting ready with groomsmen.
- Groomsmen putting on boutonnieres or ties.
- Bride and groom leaving for the ceremony (separately).
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:

Bridal Party

- Portrait of the bride, full length.
- Portrait of the bride close up.
- Portrait of the groom, full length.
- Portrait of the groom, close up.
- First look.
- Portraits and candid of the bride and groom.
- Bride and bridesmaids, group shot.
- Bride with each bridesmaid, individually.
- Bride and maid of honor.
- Bride with her mother.

- Bride with her father.
- Bride with her parents.
- Bride with her parents and siblings.
- Groom and groomsmen, individually.
- Groom with best man.
- Groom with mother.
- Groom with father.
- Groom with parents.
- Groom with his parents and siblings.
- Bride and groom with flower girl and ring bearer.
- Bride, groom and bridesmaids.
- Bride, groom and groomsmen.
- A few shots of the bride and groom with the entire wedding party.
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:

Family Portraits

- Bride with bride's parents.
- Bride and groom with bride's parents.
- Bride with bride's siblings.
- Bride and groom with groom's siblings.
- Groom with groom's parents.
- Bride and groom with groom's parents.
- Bride with groom's siblings.
- Bride and groom with groom's siblings.
- Both families combined.
- Bride and groom with bride's grandparents.
- Bride and groom with bride's extended family.
- Bride and groom with groom's grandparents.
- Bride and groom with groom's extended family.
- Bride and groom with groom's entire immediate family.
- Bride and groom with bride's entire immediate family.
- Bride and groom with both sets of parents.
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:

...See the next page for the ceremony and reception checklists.

Ceremony

- Exterior and interior shots of ceremony venue before guests arrive.
- Groom and officiant waiting at the front.
- Both sets of grandparents being escorted down the aisle.
- Both mothers being escorted down the aisle.
- Bridal party walking down the aisle.
- Bride and her escort waiting to walk down the aisle.
- Groom's expression as the bride walks down the aisle.
- Bride and escort walking down the aisle (from the back, and also the front if second photographer available).
- Bride being given away.
- Bride and groom together at the front.
- Both sets of parents watching the ceremony.
- Wide shot of the front from the guest's view.
- Wide shot of the guests from the couple's view.
- Ceremonial moments such as candle lighting, readings, etc.
- Close-ups as the bride and groom exchange vows.
- Close-ups of the bride and groom exchange rings.
- The kiss!
- Close up of the bride and groom as they are announced.
- Bride and groom as they greet and/or hug guests.
- Bride and groom leaving the ceremony venue.
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:

Reception

- Exterior and interior shots of the reception venue before guests arrive.
- Still-life shots of centerpieces, menus, decorations, favors, table settings, place cards, etc.
- Bride and groom's place cards and chairs, if decorated.
- The wedding cake.
- Appetizers and special drinks, etc.
- Main meals.
- Guests arriving.
- Guests signing guestbook.
- Entrance of the bridal party.
- Entrance of the bride and groom.
- Close-ups of friends and family making toasts.
- The head table.
- Cutting the cake.
- Bride and groom feeding each other.
- Bride and groom mingling with the guests.
- First dance.
- Father-daughter, mother-son dances.
- Guests dancing.
- Musicians or DJ.
- Bride and groom kissing.
- Signing the marriage license.
- The bouquet toss.
- Groom getting bride's garter.
- The garter toss.
- Getaway car.
- Bride and groom leaving.
- Other:
- Other:
- Other: