

Ultimate 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 shoes and accessories
- Close-up shot of the wedding bands
- Detailed shots of the bouquets
- Candid shots of the bridesmaids getting ready
- Mother buttoning the bride's dress
- Mother fastening the bride's necklace
- Mother or maid of honor pinning in the veil or flowers
- Full-length shot of the bride in her gown, looking in mirror or out window
- Bridesmaids reacting to the bride in her gown (candid or staged)
- Father seeing the bride in her gown for 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 bride, full length
- Portrait of bride, close up
- Portrait of groom, full length
- Portrait of groom, close up
- First look
- Portraits and candids of 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, group shot

- Groom with each groomsman, individually
- Groom and best man
- Groom with his mother
- Groom with his father
- Groom with his 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:

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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 bride walks down the aisle
- Bride and escort walking down the aisle (from the back, and also the front if second photographer)
- 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 bride and groom exchange vows
- Close-ups as bride and groom exchange rings The kiss!
- Close-up of the bride and groom as they are announced
- Bride and groom as they greet/hug guests
- Bride and groom leaving ceremony venue
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:

- Head table
- Cutting the cake
- Bride and groom feeding each other
- Bride and groom mingling with guests
- First dance
- Father-daughter, mother-son dances
- Dancing
- Musicians or DJ
- Bride and groom kissing
- Signing the marriage license
- Bouquet toss
- Groom getting bride's garter
- Garter toss
- Getaway car Bride and groom leaving Other:
- Other:
- Other:

Reception

- Exterior and interior shots of reception venue before guests arrive
- Still life shots of centerpieces, menus, decorations, signs, table settings, favors, place cards
- Bride and groom's place cards and chairs, if decorated
- Wedding cake
- Hors d'oeuvres and special drinks
- Main meals
- Guests arriving
- Guests signing guestbook
- Entrance of bridal party
- Entrance of bride and groom
- Close-ups of friends and family making toasts