



Wedding Photography Checklist

A List of "Must Take" Wedding Photography Shots

On your wedding day, you'll want to make sure your photographer captures those essential details you worked so hard on. To help him or her out, provide a list of "must-take" wedding photography shots. Check off your essentials below, and add any of your own creative ones. But don't check off too many – you'll want the photographer to have some time for creative license

Wedding Photography Shots before the Ceremony

- Wedding dress lying over a chair
- Zipping up or buttoning the wedding dress
- Mother of the bride fastening the bride's necklace
- The bride's garter
- The bride's veil
- A close up of the bride's shoes peeking out from under the dress
- Bride looking into a mirror
- Bride looking out window
- Bride and bridesmaids putting on makeup
- Bride pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- Bride hugging parents
- Bride touching up
- Bride and parents leaving for ceremony
- Groom tying tie
- Groom looking into mirror
- Bride looking out window
- Groom pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- Groom hugging parents
- Bride and parents leaving for ceremony

Wedding Photography Shots at the Ceremony

- Outside of ceremony site
- Guests walking into ceremony site
- Bride and father entering ceremony site
- Parents being seated
- Grandparents being seated
- Maid of honor walking down the aisle
- Bridesmaids walking down the aisle
- Flower girl and ring bearer walking down aisle
- Groom waiting for bride
- Ceremony musicians
- Officiate
- Altar or canopy during ceremony

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- ___ Close up of bride, just before she makes her entrance
- ___ Bride and father walking down aisle
- ___ Groom seeing bride for first time
- ___ The back of bride and father walking down the aisle – with the groom waiting in the distance
- ___ Bride's father and Bride hugging at end of aisle
- ___ Shot of the audience from the bride and groom's point of view
- ___ The unity ceremony
- ___ Close up of bride and groom saying the vows

- ___ Wide shot of bride and groom saying the vows
- ___ Exchanging the rings
- ___ Close up of hands
- ___ The kiss
- ___ Bride & Groom walking up the aisle
- ___ Receiving line
- ___ Bride & Groom outside on steps
- ___ Guests throwing confetti/rose petals/birdseed
- ___ Bride & Groom hugging guests, laughing, getting congratulations
- ___ Bride & Groom getting in car
- ___ Bride & Groom in back seat

Posed Wedding Photography before the Reception (These can also be taken before the ceremony)

- ___ Bride alone (full length)
- ___ Bride with Maid of Honor
- ___ Bride with bridesmaids
- ___ Groom with bridesmaids
- ___ Bride with parents
- ___ Bride & Groom together
- ___ Bride & Groom with parents
- ___ Bride & Groom with families
- ___ Bride & Groom with entire wedding party
- ___ Bride & Groom with flower girl and ring bearer
- ___ Groom with parents
- ___ Groom with best man
- ___ Groom with groomsmen
- ___ Bride with groomsmen

During the Reception (to help your photographer, you may wish to list these shots in the order they will happen at your reception)

- ___ Outside of reception site
- ___ Bride & Groom arriving
- ___ Bride & Groom greeting guests
- ___ Table centerpieces
- ___ Table setting
- ___ Bride & Groom's table (head table)
- ___ Musicians or DJ
- ___ Guest book
- ___ Place card table
- ___ Close-up of bride and groom's place card
- ___ Wedding cake
- ___ Groom's cake

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- Gift table
- Decorations (specify which _____)
- A shot of bride & groom with guests at each table
- Bride with college alums
- Groom with college alums
- The buffet or, if having table service, a dinner serving
- Bride & Groom's first dance
- Bride & Father dancing
- Groom & Mother dancing
- Guests dancing
- Bride & Groom cutting the cake
- Bride & Groom feeding each other cake
- Toasts (specify who is giving them: _____)
- Bride & Groom drinking champagne
- Signing the marriage license
- Bride throwing bouquet
- Groom retrieving garter
- Groom tossing garter
- Garter/Bouquet dance
- The getaway car
- Bride & Groom leaving party
- Bride & Groom driving away

Guests the photographer shouldn't miss: (provide your photographer with a seating chart so that he can easily identify them)
