

WEDDING PHOTO SHOT LIST

Tick what matters, add your personal list, and send it to your photographer two weeks before the wedding.

COUPLE

WEDDING DATE

VENUE

PHOTOGRAPHER CONTACT ON THE DAY

DETAILS (WHILE YOU'RE GETTING READY)

- ☐ Dress on a hanger, near a window
- ☐ Shoes, veil, jewelry and perfume
- ☐ Rings together, with the invitation suite
- ☐ Suit or tux details: cufflinks, watch, tie, boutonnière
- ☐ Bouquet and flowers
- ☐ Heirlooms (a grandmother's ring, a locket, a handkerchief sewn into the dress)
- ☐ Vow books and letters

GETTING READY

- ☐ Hair and makeup finishing touches
- ☐ Bridal party in matching robes or outfits
- ☐ Getting into the dress: buttons, zip, a parent helping
- ☐ Shoes and jewelry going on
- ☐ Reading a letter from your partner
- ☐ The first time a parent sees you dressed
- ☐ Getting dressed: jacket on, cufflinks, tie
- ☐ Groomsmen together, and a moment with dad
- ☐ Solo portraits of each of you, fully dressed

FIRST LOOK (IF YOU'RE DOING ONE)

- ☐ The walk up and the tap on the shoulder
- ☐ Both reactions, from two angles if there's a second shooter
- ☐ The first hug
- ☐ Letters, gifts or private vows
- ☐ A first look or first touch with a parent

CEREMONY

- ☐ The venue and ceremony site before guests arrive
- ☐ Guests arriving and being seated
- ☐ Grandparents and parents walking in
- ☐ Wedding party walking in; flower girl and ring bearer
- ☐ The partner waiting at the front, watching the aisle
- ☐ The walk down the aisle, and the hand-off
- ☐ Vows, and the readings
- ☐ The ring exchange, up close
- ☐ Any unity ritual (sand, candle, handfasting, a cultural tradition)
- ☐ The first kiss
- ☐ The recessional, and the guests cheering
- ☐ The first moment alone right after

FAMILY AND WEDDING PARTY PHOTOS

- ☐ Couple with each set of parents
- ☐ Couple with immediate families
- ☐ Couple with grandparents
- ☐ The full wedding party, formal and fun
- ☐ Each side of the wedding party
- ☐ The couple with each attendant

COUPLE PORTRAITS

- ☐ A classic full-length portrait
- ☐ Close-ups: hands, rings, the veil
- ☐ Walking together, candid
- ☐ A portrait with the venue, the beach or the city behind you
- ☐ Golden hour: 15 to 20 minutes around sunset
- ☐ Night portraits, with city lights or a starry beach

RECEPTION

- ☐ The room before guests come in: tables, centerpieces, cake
- ☐ The grand entrance
- ☐ The first dance
- ☐ Parent dances
- ☐ Toasts, and the reactions to them
- ☐ Cutting the cake
- ☐ Bouquet and garter toss
- ☐ Guests dancing
- ☐ Table photos, if you want them
- ☐ Any special dedication or surprise performance

THE SEND-OFF

- ☐ The tunnel of guests (sparklers, bubbles, petals)
- ☐ The car or carriage leaving
- ☐ A last look back

YOUR PERSONAL LIST: VIPs, HEIRLOOMS, SURPRISES

- ☐ VIPs I might not know are VIPs: a godparent, a best friend from childhood, an aunt who raised you
- ☐ Anyone who can't stand for long, or who needs to leave early
- ☐ Family situations I should know about (divorced parents, people who shouldn't stand together)
- ☐ Heirlooms, special objects and cultural traditions
- ☐ Surprises: a song, a gift, a reveal
- ☐ One photo you've always wanted (recreating your parents' wedding photo, for example)
- ☐ Anyone who's passed away that you're honoring, and how
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Tips: Put every detail (rings, invitation, heirlooms, shoes) in one box before the photographer arrives. Plan 15 to 20 minutes of couple portraits around sunset. Keep family formals to 12 to 15 groupings (see the family photo list).

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