

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY CHECKLIST

Wedding Date _____ Start Time _____

Location of Wedding _____ Location of Reception _____

Before the wedding

- Hanging Wedding Dress
- Mother and Maid of Honor adjusting the veil
- Bride putting on garter
- Bride looking in the mirror
- Corsage being pinned on mother
- Corsage being pinned on father
- Portrait of mother and bride
- Portrait of father and bride
- Brothers and/or sisters and bride
- Bride and bridesmaids
- Bride and maid of honor
- Bride with flower girls
- Bride leaving for the ceremony
- Father helping bride into the car

Other Shots

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At the ceremony site

- Groom waiting
- Groom and best man
- Groom and groomsmen
- Groom and ring bearer
- Brothers and/or sisters and groom
- Portrait of father and groom
- Portrait of mother and groom
- Bride arriving to the ceremony site
- Father helping bride out of the car
- Bride and bridesmaids on site (garden or courtyard)
- Bride and maid of honor on site (garden or courtyard)
- The flowers/decor
- Bride and ring bearer

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If bride and groom will see each other prior to the service:

- Groom waiting to see bride
- Groom seeing bride for the first time
- Bride and groom together

Other Shots

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Photos to be taken before or after the service

- Bride and groom with Wedding party
- Bride and groom with bridesmaids
- Bride and groom with groomsmen
- Bride with groom and best man
- Bride and groom with groom's immediate family
- Bride and groom with groom's parents
- Bride and groom with groom's grandparents and parents
- Bride and groom with bride's immediate family
- Bride and groom with bride's parents
- Bride and groom with bride's grandparents and parents
- Bride and groom kissing
- Bride and groom looking at the rings
- Bride and groom with rings and flowers
- Bride and groom with pastor/registrar/vicar
- Bride and/or Groom with special family members/friends

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Shots during the service

- Guests as they arrive
- Flowers Bridal party walking down the aisle
- Flower girls walking down the aisle
- Bride and Father walking down the aisle
- Photo of groom when bride is walking down the aisle
- Father giving the bride away
- General shots of ceremony
- From the rear of the church down the aisle at bride and groom
- From balcony down the aisle at the bride and groom
- Soloists
- Musicians
- Readers
- Ring ceremony
- Exchanging of the vows
- The kiss
- First photo of married couple

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After the service

- Bride signing the register
- Groom signing the register
- Best man signing the register
- Maid of honor signing the register
- Bride and groom at church door
- Bride and Groom leaving the church
- Couple getting into the wedding car
- Shot of couple from front seat or through sunroof
- Shot of car, couple, and church in background

Other Shots

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Special shots after service

- Shots as predetermined destination
- Couple sitting with dress train spread out
- Couple by a tree
- Couple walking on the beach
- Other special shots

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At the reception

- Receiving line
- Couple greeting guests
- Wedding cake
- Guest book
- Guests signing book
- Gift table (with gifts)
- Name cards and table settings
- Father of bride toast
- Father of Groom toast
- Best man toast
- Maid of honor toast
- Groom toast
- Other speeches
- Various shots of guests
- Couple's First dance
- Father and bride dance
- Groom and mother dancing
- Other guests dancing
- Cutting the cake

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- Bouquet toss
- Garter retrieval/toss
- Bride and groom talking to their guests (various shots)
- Bride and Groom leaving reception
- Shot of decorated car
- Car leaving reception
- Guest waving goodbye

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Formal Shots

If you have chosen a photo journalistic style photographer, you may want to set aside some time before or after the ceremony for some formal photo opportunities. Parents and grandparent really like these, and it guarantees you get all the shots on your list.

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This list is meant to be a guide for your special day. Use it to remind you of the possible shots, and add or delete photos as necessary. It's a great guide for your photographer so he/she knows what is the most important to you. Ask your family and friends to look over this so they can add any photos that may apply.