

Wedding Photography Checklist

A List of "Must Take" Wedding Photography Shots

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
- Officiant
- Altar or canopy during ceremony
- 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 ringbearer
- 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
- Closeup of bride and groom's place card
- Wedding cake
- Groom's cake
- 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)
