

PREPARING YOUR PHOTO SHOT-LIST FOR YOUR WEDDING

A shot list is simply a checklist of the individual shots that you need or want to take. It helps photographers be efficient with their time and stay within your timeline. At your Thursday rehearsal, give everyone a copy of this shot list so wedding party and family remain at ceremony grounds for photos. Modify as needed. :)

Pre-Ceremony: 3 hrs prior to ceremony

- The bride getting her hair and makeup done
- The bride putting on her dress
- Still lifes of the bride's dress, shoes, headpiece, jewelry, and bouquet
- The bride pinning a corsage on her mom

Specific Names:

At Venue before ceremony: 1 hr prior to ceremony

- The groom with the best man
- The groom with the groomsmen, ushers, and ring bearer
- The groom pinning a boutonniere on his dad

Bridal Party leaving for Ceremony: 30 minutes prior to ceremony

- The bridal party leaving for the ceremony
- The wedding party arriving at venue
- The bride and her dad arriving
- The groom and his best man at the altar

Processional (Walking down aisle)

- The bridal party walking down the aisle
- The bride and her dad walking down the aisle
- The bride's mom walking down the aisle
- The groom's mom and dad walking down the aisle
- The bride's and groom's grandparents walking down the aisle
- The groom's reaction to seeing the bride

Ceremony Vows

- The bride's dad giving her away
- The person doing the readings
- The bride and groom listening to the officiant
- The bride and groom during the vow exchange
- The bride's and groom's parents watching from their seats
- The officiant performing the ceremony
- The newlyweds exchanging a kiss
- The bride and groom walking up the aisle as newlyweds

After Ceremony

- Freelance photos of bride and groom on property
- Ringing dinner bell for guest seating

Reception

- The bride and groom making grand entrance
- The toasts

After Dinner

- The cake cutting and the bride and groom feeding each other
- Freelance Photos outdoors while guests finishing dinner

First Dances

- The bride and groom's first dance together as husband & wife
- The groom dancing with his mom and bride's mom
- The bride dancing with her Dad and with the groom's dad
- The groom removing the bride's garter
- The garter toss, flower toss
- The bride and groom leaving the reception and getting in getaway car
