

Intimate Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 25 items · 9 sections

A small wedding done beautifully, personal moments with the people who matter most.

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<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/intimate-wedding-checklist>

PLANNING FOUNDATIONS

- Finalize intimate guest list (30 or fewer people)
HIGH
- Choose an intimate venue (private dining room, boutique estate, garden, home)
HIGH

VENUE

- Consider restaurant buyout for an all-in-one dining and ceremony experience

INVITATIONS

- Send personalized handwritten or digital invitations
HIGH
- Skip formal RSVP cards: confirm directly by phone or message

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Book a photographer for 3-4 hours (enough for intimate wedding)
HIGH
- Plan a couples' portrait session at a meaningful location
- Skip formal videography: ask a guest to capture candid moments

CEREMONY

- Write deeply personal, heartfelt vows
HIGH
- Create a personalized ceremony script with officiant
HIGH
- Invite guests to participate: share readings, songs, or words of love
- Skip formal wedding party: just maid of honor and best man if desired

- Arrange a meaningful ceremony location (same spot where you got engaged, etc.)

CATERING

- Plan intimate dining experience: family-style meal or chef's tasting menu

HIGH

- Cater to every guest's dietary preferences: small group makes this easy

HIGH

- Order a small but stunning wedding cake or cupcakes for the group

- Plan a welcome cocktail or signature drink for arrival

RECEPTION

- Skip formal seating chart: open seating works at this scale

- Plan a special first dance with guests joining in

- Plan post-dinner activity (wine tasting, stargazing, live musician, board games)

GUEST EXPERIENCE

- Prepare a personal thank-you note for each guest (written by hand)

HIGH

- Give each guest a small, meaningful personal gift or keepsake

- Plan a personal welcome greeting for every guest upon arrival

AFTER WEDDING

- Plan a wider celebration party later for friends not invited to intimate ceremony

- Share professional photos with each guest as a gift (digital gallery link)