

# LGBTQ+ Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 27 items · 14 sections

An inclusive celebration that reflects who you are, affirming vendors and legal steps covered.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

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

## LEGAL AND RESEARCH

- Verify same-sex marriage is legal in your country or state  
**HIGH**
- Research marriage license requirements for your jurisdiction  
**HIGH**
- If marrying abroad, confirm destination is LGBTQ+-safe and marriage is recognized  
**HIGH**

## VENUE

- Confirm LGBTQ+-affirming venue that is experienced with same-sex weddings  
**HIGH**
- Ask venue about any previous LGBTQ+ events they have hosted

## CEREMONY

- Find an LGBTQ+-affirming officiant who is enthusiastic about your celebration  
**HIGH**
- Design ceremony structure without gendered assumptions (no assigned bride/groom roles)  
**HIGH**
- Choose inclusive ceremony language (no 'man and wife' unless preferred)  
**HIGH**
- Write personal vows that reflect your unique love story  
**HIGH**
- Choose readings that resonate with your relationship (poetry, literature, scripture)

## ATTIRE

- Decide on attire that authentically represents each partner's style  
**HIGH**

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- Book an LGBTQ+-experienced photographer who understands same-sex couple posing

HIGH

## VENDORS

- Vet all vendors for LGBTQ+ affirmation (florist, caterer, baker, hair/makeup)

HIGH

- Ask vendors directly 'Have you worked same-sex weddings before?' as a filter

HIGH

- Read vendor reviews specifically from LGBTQ+ couples

## WEDDING PARTY

- Plan gender-neutral or inclusive wedding party roles (no bridesmaids vs. groomsmen)
- Consider attendant outfits that are not gendered (matching color, not matching style)

## INCLUSIVITY

- Provide pronoun cards or pronoun ribbons at tables if desired
- Create inclusive seating arrangements (no 'bride's side' vs. 'groom's side')

## STATIONERY

- Use inclusive language throughout all stationery, programs, and website

HIGH

## FAMILY DYNAMICS

- Plan how to handle any non-supportive family members in advance

## SAFETY AND COMFORT

- Decide together what feels safe and comfortable for your celebration

HIGH

## HONEYMOON

- Research LGBTQ+-friendly honeymoon destination

HIGH

- Verify honeymoon destination is safe and legally recognizes your marriage

HIGH

- Book honeymoon at LGBTQ+-welcoming hotel or resort

## CELEBRATION

- Celebrate proudly: you deserve a beautiful wedding just as any couple does

HIGH

## AFTER WEDDING

- Update legal documents post-wedding (name change, beneficiaries, next of kin)

HIGH