

# Wedding Photography Shot List

Checklist · 56 items · 7 sections

Get every shot you want, moments to capture and exactly what to tell your photographer.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

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

## BEFORE THE DAY

- Share shot list with photographer at pre-wedding consultation  
**HIGH**
- Nominate a family member to help gather people for family portraits  
**HIGH**
- Share list of must-have family group combinations with photographer  
**HIGH**
- Confirm timeline for all photo sessions with photographer  
**HIGH**

## GETTING READY SHOTS

- Getting ready: bride in robe with bridesmaids  
**HIGH**
- Close-up of wedding dress hanging in window light  
**HIGH**
- Close-up of wedding shoes
- Close-up of wedding rings (both) on a flat lay surface  
**HIGH**
- Close-up of bridal bouquet details  
**HIGH**
- Bride having hair and makeup done  
**HIGH**
- Bride putting on dress: back being buttoned or zipped up  
**HIGH**
- Bride putting on jewelry
- Bride's first look in mirror: full-length portrait  
**HIGH**

- Bride with mother and/or father before leaving  
**HIGH**
- Groom getting dressed: suit jacket, tie, boutonniere  
**HIGH**
- Groom with groomsmen / best man  
**HIGH**
- Groom with father or parents before ceremony

## CEREMONY SHOTS

- Exterior of ceremony venue
- Guests arriving and being seated
- Groom waiting at altar: candid emotions  
**HIGH**
- Processional: bridal party walking down the aisle  
**HIGH**
- Bride walking down the aisle: wide shot and close-up  
**HIGH**
- Groom's reaction seeing bride for first time  
**HIGH**
- Exchange of vows: close-up of faces  
**HIGH**
- Exchanging rings: close-up of hands  
**HIGH**
- First kiss as a married couple  
**HIGH**
- Signing the register / marriage certificate  
**HIGH**
- Recessional: couple walking back down the aisle  
**HIGH**
- Confetti or flower petal exit shot  
**HIGH**

## COUPLE PORTRAITS

- Couple portrait: wide establishing shot at ceremony venue  
**HIGH**
- Couple portraits: candid laughing, walking together  
**HIGH**

- Couple portraits: romantic close-up and kiss

HIGH

- Couple portraits: golden hour session at reception venue

HIGH

## FAMILY PORTRAITS

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- Bride with both parents (separate if divorced)

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- Groom with both parents (separate if divorced)

HIGH

- Couple with all parents / immediate family

HIGH

- Couple with grandparents

HIGH

- Couple with siblings (bride's side, groom's side, together)

HIGH

- Full family group photo: everyone together

HIGH

- Couple with flower girls and/or ring bearer

## BRIDAL PARTY SHOTS

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- Bride with all bridesmaids: group photo

HIGH

- Groom with all groomsmen: group photo

HIGH

- Full bridal party together: wide group shot

HIGH

- Bride and maid of honour portrait

- Groom and best man portrait

## RECEPTION SHOTS

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- Reception venue detail shots: tables, florals, stationery, centrepieces

HIGH

- Couple's grand entrance into reception

HIGH

- First dance: close-up and wide angle

HIGH

- Father-daughter dance
- Speeches: speaker and couple's reactions
- HIGH
- Wedding cake close-up details
- Couple cutting the cake together
- HIGH
- Guests dancing: candid fun moments on the dance floor
- HIGH
- Night time exterior shot of venue with lighting
- Bouquet toss if planned
- Send-off exit: sparklers, confetti, bubbles