

Wedding Photography Poses Checklist

Wedding Photographs are memories for a lifetime and you wouldn't want to miss any special shot, would you? Use this checklist to ensure that your Wedding album does not miss any of the special details of your Wedding day.

Tip: With most of the formal poses get 2-4 shots taken to ensure a successful pose.

Photos to be taken before arriving at the Ceremony Location:

- _ Mother/Maid of Honor adjusting veil
- _ Bride putting on garter with Bridesmaids looking on
- _ Bride in her dressing room with mirror
- _ Corsage being pinned on Mother
- _ Boutonniere being pinned on Father
- _ Mother and Bride
- _ Father and Bride
- _ Brothers and sisters and bride
- _ Group Shot of Bride and Bridesmaids
- _ Individual shots of Bride with each Bridesmaid
- _ Bride leaving house with Parents and Bridesmaids
- _ Father helping bride into car

Photos during the Ceremony (Pre-approved by officiator)

- _ Bride's Mother on usher's arm
- _ Groom's Mother on usher's arm
- _ Grandparents accompanied down the aisle
- _ Other people accompanied down aisle
- _ Bridal party coming down the aisle
- _ Bridesmaids, flower girls, and ring bearer coming down the aisle
- _ Bride being taken down aisle by father
- _ Father giving away bride
- _ Special Decorations at the Ceremony Venue

After the Ceremony at the Location

- _ Bride and groom coming down the aisle
- _ Receiving line right after ceremony
- _ Best man signing certificate with bride and groom looking on
- _ Matron of honor signing certificate with bride and groom looking on

Bride's Group Shots: Traditional and Romantic

- _ Bride solo with 2 or 3 lighting configurations
- _ Bride with Bridemaids flowers around her
- _ Bride and Groomsmen
- _ Bride and bridesmaids on the steps of the church or other picturesque location
- _ Group shots back inside church (Use church altar/steps, etc. as a studio)
- _ Bride with her parents
- _ Bride with her mother
- _ Bride with her father
- _ Bride and Matron of Honor
- _ Bride kissing Father on the cheek (vice versa)
- _ Bride and Mother with Father looking on
- _ Bride and Bridesmaids group pose in vestibule or dressing room
- _ Mood shots in and around the church/grounds and/or on the way to the weddings reception site.

Groom's Group Shots: Traditional and Romantic

- _ Groom solo with 2 or 3 lighting configurations
- _ Groom with Bridemaids
- _ Groom and Groomsmen
- _ Groom and bridesmaids on the steps of the church or other picturesque location
- _ Group shots back inside church (Use church altar/steps, etc. as a studio)
- _ Groom with his Parents
- _ Groom with his Mother
- _ Groom with his Father
- _ Best Man adjusting Groom's tie
- _ Groom and Best Man handshaking, etc.

- _ Stylish shots in and around the church/grounds and/or on the way to the weddings reception site.

Bride and Groom Shots (Indoors): Traditional and Romantic

- _ Groom kissing Bride at the altar full length
- _ Groom kissing Bride at the altar 3/4 pose
- _ Groom kissing Bride at the altar tight head shot pose
- _ Groom putting ring on Bride's finger
- _ Bride putting ring on Groom's finger
- _ Bride and Groom lighting candles, full length
- _ Bride and Groom lighting candles, 3/4 pose
- _ Bride and Groom's hands with rings and flowers
- _ Bride and Groom with officiator
- _ Bride and Groom and bridal party with officiator
- _ Bride and groom at church door (or stained glass window) in silhouette
- _ Bride and groom on the steps of church
- _ Bride and groom with bridal party standing
- _ Bride and groom with bridal party sitting
- _ Bride and groom with bridal party (alternating male and female)
- _ Bride and groom with all of the Brides family
- _ Bride and groom with brides immediate family
- _ Bride and groom with bride's parents
- _ Bride and groom with all of the groom's family
- _ Bride and groom with groom's immediate family
- _ Bride and groom with groom's parents
- _ Bride and groom with both sets of parents
- _ Bride and/or groom with special family members (e.g. favorite uncle, best friend, generations photograph, etc)
- _ Bride and groom leaving inside of church
- _ Getting into car or limo
- _ Shot through the sun roof of the limo
- _ Shot while seated in limo
- _ Wide shot of church/ceremony site and limo

- _ Mood shots in and around the church/grounds and/or on the way to the weddings reception site.

Group Shots (Outdoors): Traditional and Romantic

- _ Outdoor shots of bride and groom (around special outdoor decorations like arches, gazebos or other themed decorations)
- _ Outdoor shots of wedding party
- _ Shots of groom and best man
- _ Shots of groom and groomsmen
- _ Shots of bride and maid of honor
- _ Shots of bride and bridesmaids
- _ Other Group shots

At the Reception

- _ Receiving line (If not taken earlier)
- _ Wedding cake (prior to being cut)
- _ Guest book
- _ Guests signing book
- _ Wedding Favors
- _ Gift table
- _ Introduction of the wedding party
- _ Wedding party toasting bride and groom
- _ Close up of bride and groom toasting
- _ Close up of bride and groom at head table kissing
- _ Group shots of guests at their table during the meal
- _ First dance
- _ Parent dance
- _ Bride and father dance
- _ Groom and mother dance
- _ Parents dancing
- _ Bridal party dancing
- _ Guest dancing
- _ Bride showing rings to bridesmaids

- _ General dancing shots (wide and close up)
- _ Flower girl and ring bearer together
- _ Candids of guests and bridal party as conditions permit
- _ Bride and groom posed in front of the cake
- _ Cutting the cake
- _ Bride and groom feeding cake to one another
- _ Bride faking the bouquet toss
- _ Bride throwing the bouquet
- _ The catch of the bouquet
- _ Groom taking off garter
- _ Groom and garter
- _ Groom throwing the garter
- _ The catch of the garter
- _ Group shot of bride and groom with the recipients of the bouquet and garter
- _ Guest leaving
- _ Posed departure shot of bride and groom (kissing, waving, etc.)
- _ Getaway car
- _ Bride and groom leaving reception area (birdseed, rose pedals)
- _ Bride and groom in car as it goes in to the distance.

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