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Wedding Photography Checklist

This checklist is provided as an aid in making sure what is most important to you on your wedding day is captured with my lens. While it will never cover 100% of the weddings I shoot, it is a great starting point for both of us to be on the same page. Just place an X on the line next to those shots you would like, leaving blank those you don't care about. Please feel free to add any shots you might also desire if not listed (either add them to this document electronically or write in the white space provided). Lastly, can you please make bold or highlight shots that are the most important "don't miss!" of the bunch?

Thank you!

Shots Before the Ceremony

- Wedding dress lying over a chair
- Zipping up or buttoning the wedding dress
- Mother of the bride fastening the bride's necklace
- The bride's garter
- The bride's veil
- A close up of the bride's shoes peeking out from under the dress
- Bride looking into a mirror
- Bride looking out window
- Bride and bridesmaids putting on makeup
- Bride pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- Bride hugging parents
- Bride touching up
- Bride and parents leaving for ceremony
- Groom tying tie
- Groom looking into mirror
- Bride looking out window
- Groom pinning corsage/boutonniere on mother/father
- Groom hugging parents
- Bride and parents leaving for ceremony

Shots At the Ceremony

- Outside of ceremony site
- Guests walking into ceremony site
- Bride and father entering ceremony site
- Parents being seated
- Grandparents being seated
- Maid of honor walking down the aisle
- Bridesmaids walking down the aisle
- Flower girl and ring bearer walking down aisle
- Groom waiting for bride
- Ceremony musicians
- Officiant
- Altar or canopy during ceremony

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- Close up of bride, just before she makes her entrance
- Bride and father walking down aisle
- Groom seeing bride for first time
- The back of bride and father walking down the aisle – with the groom waiting in the distance
- Bride's father and Bride hugging at end of aisle
- Shot of the audience from the bride and groom's point of view
- The unity ceremony
- Close up of bride and groom saying the vows
- Wide shot of bride and groom saying the vows
- Exchanging the rings
- Close up of hands
- The kiss
- Bride & Groom walking up the aisle
- Receiving line
- Bride & Groom outside on steps
- Guests throwing confetti/rose petals/birdseed
- Bride & Groom hugging guests, laughing, getting congratulations
- Bride & Groom getting in car
- Bride & Groom in back seat

Portraits

- Bride alone (full length)
- Bride with Maid of Honor
- Bride with bridesmaids
- Groom with bridesmaids
- Bride with parents
- Bride & Groom together
- Bride & Groom with parents
- Bride & Groom with families
- Bride & Groom with entire wedding party
- Bride & Groom with flower girl and ringbearer
- Groom with parents
- Groom with best man
- Groom with groomsmen
- Bride with groomsmen

During the Reception

- Outside of reception site
- Bride & Groom arriving
- Bride & Groom greeting guests
- Table centerpieces
- Table setting
- Bride & Groom's table (head table)
- Musicians or DJ
- Guest book
- Place card table
- Closeup of bride and groom's place card
- Wedding cake
- Groom's cake

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- Gift table
- Decorations (specify which _____)
- A shot of bride & groom with guests at each table
- Bride with college alums
- Groom with college alums
- The buffet or, if having table service, a dinner serving
- Bride & Groom's first dance
- Bride & Father dancing
- Groom & Mother dancing
- Guests dancing
- Bride & Groom cutting the cake
- Bride & Groom feeding each other cake
- Toasts (specify who is giving them: _____ Matt, the best man _____)
- Bride & Groom drinking champagne
- Signing the marriage license
- Bride throwing bouquet
- Groom retrieving garter
- Groom tossing garter
- Garter/Bouquet dance
- The getaway car
- Bride & Groom leaving party
- Bride & Groom driving away

Guests the photographer shouldn't miss:
