

## A List of "Must Take" Wedding Photography Shots

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On your wedding day, you'll want to make sure your photographer captures those essential details you worked so hard on. To help them out, provide a list of "must-take" wedding photography shots. Check off your essentials below, and add any of your own creative ones. But don't check off too many – you'll want the photographer to have some time for creative license.

### Wedding Photography 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

### Wedding Photography Shots at the Ceremony

- Outside of ceremony site
- Guests walking into ceremony site

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- \_\_\_ 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
  - \_\_\_ 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
- Posed Wedding Photography before the Reception (These can also be taken before the ceremony)**
- \_\_\_ Bride alone (full length)

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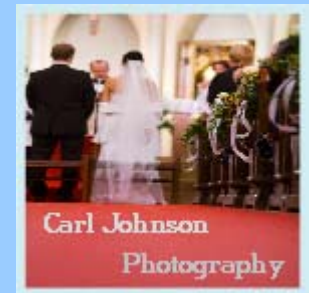
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- Bride with Maid of Honor
- Bride with bridesmaids
- Groom with bridesmaids
- Bride with parents
- Bride & Groom together
- Bride & Groom with parents
- Bride & Groom with families
- Bride & Groom with entire wedding party
- Bride & Groom with flower girl and ring-bearer
- Groom with parents
- Groom with best man
- Groom with groomsmen
- Bride with groomsmen

**During the Reception (to help your photographer, you may wish to list these shots in the order they will happen at your 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
- 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

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 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: (provide your photographer with a seating chart so that he can easily identify them)

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