



FREE

ULTIMATE LIST OF *Photo Ideas*

WEDDING PLANNING RESOURCES
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THE ULTIMATE Photo Ideas List

HEY, THERE!

Thank you for downloading this photo shot guide!

A lot of couple's have asked me for my opinion on this must have shots, so here ya go! I've listed out all those special shots you won't want to miss on your wedding day, and if you've hired the right photographer, they will already have a list similar (if not better) list than mine!

I am not going to list out poses, because that is your photographers job and they will know best, but I hope this inspires you and helps you decide what things are most important to capture for you and your partner!

Lastly, this list has the verbiage of opposite genders being married, but can be replaced and customized to you as a couple! This works for all lovers!

You are more than welcome to print or share this with your friends or photographer!

Happy planning!

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Disclaimer: I am not a photographer. This list is based off of my personal experience and other lists I have researched. Ask your photographer if these can be done and if they can be covered in your package!

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THE MORNING

Have your photographer arrive in the morning if you want shots of you, your entourage, your partner and their entourage getting ready. They don't need to come for the entire time because no one wants photos halfway through the process! It just looks silly. *Try scheduling them for the last 1-2 hours of you getting ready.* That generally gives enough time for the following shots...

- Accessories details
- Dress details
- Vow books
- Final makeup touches (lipstick, mascara, etc)
- Final hair touches (placement of accessories, view, etc)
- Candid shots of party
- Lacing, buttoning, or zipping up the dress.
- First look: mom, grandma, party, dad
- Special poses in special getting ready attire (robs, button-up, etc)

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THE COUPLE

- First look
- Gift exchange
- Romantic portraits
- Rings on
- PDA shots (this is the time!)
- Special attire details
- Spinning in the dress
- Lifting Bride/Spinning
- Special poses (personalize it!)

I once heard from a photographer to make sure and squeeze 30 mins in your reception to hold a sunset photo session. It give you a chance to take in the day as a couple, alone. How romantic?! Highly recommend!

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WEDDING PARTY

- Bride with their party
- Groom with their party
- Couple + both parties
- Couple, ring bearer + flower girl
- Bride + flower girl
- Groom + ring bearer
- Bride with each member of their party
- Groom with each member of their party
- Bouquet/ring detail shot
- Boutonnière/tie/ring detail shot
- Bride + party - special poses (funny, silly, shoes, etc)
- Groom + party - special poses (funny, silly, shoes, socks, etc)
- Couple with specific party members on either side (such as siblings, grandparents, parents, generational)

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CEREMONY

- Seating of the front rows (parents/grandparents)
- Processional
- Couple's reaction to each other
- Officiant (*especially* if family/friend)
- Behind couple looking into guests (a personal fav)
- Vows and reactions from the couple
- Emotions of parents/grandparents during ceremony
- Emotions of wedding party during ceremony
- Exchanging of the rings
- Unity ceremony
- THE KISS... obviously
- Recessional

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RECEPTION

- Grand entrance
- Speeches/prayers
- Guests at tables (especially of reserved seating tables)
- Guests dancing!
- Cake cutting
- Kitchen staff (if family/friends)
- Grand exit (try to plan a fake one earlier for better shots and so that the photographer is still present!) Don't forget to be earth conscious!
- Mother/son dance
- Father/daughter dance
- Special parent dances
- Wedding party table/Sweetheart table
- (Squeeze in that sunset shoot now...)

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DETAILS

- Heirlooms
- Cake
- Buffet
- Desert table
- Gift table
- Guest book
- Photos of any photos displayed to represent those who could not attend
- Rings
- Bouquet
- Boutonnière
- Vow booklets
- Shoes
- Any other special items
- Centerpieces/decor
- Venue(s) as a whole
- Wedding party table/Sweetheart table
- Decor details
- The dress
- Accessories, perfume, etc

