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Bride and Groom name

- 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
- 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)
- ___ 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 (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
- ___ Close up 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
- ___ 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)

Use this space to write down any additional important photographs.

This list is intended as a guide. Brides should also understand that although any photographer worth his/her salt will take every precaution to get every shot on the list... well, Weddings will be Weddings and you should know that no matter what, a shot will be missed or have a technical or human reason why a shot was not obtainable. People can run late, not everyone is there for the shot, something else is happening simultaneously, all kinds of things. Weddings are a big flowing event and are not always predictable. Have reasonable expectations and choose your photographer carefully. Then, trust that they will absolutely do their best to get what they know will make you happy. Relax and enjoy your day.

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