Wedding shot list

120 shots by timeline, from getting ready to the reception. Tick the ones you want, strike the ones you do not, and add your family groups.

Getting ready

- [ ] Wide of each getting-ready room before it gets busy
- [ ] Hair being finished, from behind and in the mirror
- [ ] Makeup final touches, close
- [ ] Partner 1 stepping into the dress or suit
- [ ] Buttons, laces or zip being done up
- [ ] A parent helping with the final detail
- [ ] Shoes going on
- [ ] Wedding party in matching outfits or robes
- [ ] Reading a letter or opening a gift
- [ ] Full-length portrait in the window light
- [ ] Partner 2 getting ready: tie, jacket, buttonhole
- [ ] Partner 2 with the wedding party, candid
- [ ] Last look in the mirror on each side
- [ ] Parents seeing each partner dressed for the first time
- [ ] Wide of the whole room at its busiest

First look

- [ ] Wide of the spot before the couple arrives
- [ ] One partner waiting, facing away
- [ ] The approach, from behind the waiting partner
- [ ] The turn and the first reaction, close
- [ ] The embrace, wide and tight
- [ ] A few quiet minutes together, candid

Ceremony

- [ ] Exterior of the venue
- [ ] Ceremony space set up and empty, wide
- [ ] Guests arriving and finding their seats
- [ ] Officiant and the waiting partner at the front
- [ ] Parents and grandparents being seated
- [ ] Wedding party processional
- [ ] Ring bearer and flower carrier
- [ ] The entrance, wide from the aisle
- [ ] The entrance, tight on the face

- [ ] The waiting partner's reaction to the entrance
- [ ] The hand-off at the front, if there is one
- [ ] Wide of the full ceremony from the back
- [ ] Readings, with each reader
- [ ] Vows, both faces, alternating angles
- [ ] Ring exchange, close on the hands
- [ ] Guests reacting during the vows
- [ ] The kiss, wide and tight
- [ ] The recessional back up the aisle
- [ ] Confetti, petals or bubbles exit
- [ ] Signing the register or the license
- [ ] Musicians or the music source
- [ ] Unity ritual or cultural tradition, if there is one

Family photos

- [ ] The couple with both families together
- [ ] The couple with Partner 1's immediate family
- [ ] The couple with Partner 2's immediate family
- [ ] The couple with each set of parents
- [ ] The couple with grandparents, seated
- [ ] The couple with siblings
- [ ] Every group on the family list from the builder

Wedding party

- [ ] Full wedding party with the couple, formal
- [ ] Full wedding party, a fun or moving shot
- [ ] Partner 1 with their side of the wedding party
- [ ] Partner 2 with their side of the wedding party
- [ ] Each partner with each attendant, one by one
- [ ] Wedding party walking toward the camera
- [ ] Wedding party from a high angle, all looking up

Couple portraits

- [ ] Full-length portrait, both looking at the camera
- [ ] Three-quarter portrait, looking at each other
- [ ] Close-up, foreheads together
- [ ] Walking hand in hand, wide
- [ ] The dress or suit detail as they walk
- [ ] Back of the dress or jacket, over the shoulder

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- [ ] Silhouette against a window or the sky
- [ ] The couple small in a wide frame of the venue
- [ ] Rings on their hands together
- [ ] A quiet moment, candid
- [ ] Golden-hour portraits, if the timeline allows
- [ ] Night portrait with a light source, if the timeline allows
- [ ] The couple framed through a doorway or arch
- [ ] Laughing together, candid between poses

Reception

- [ ] Reception room set and empty, wide
- [ ] Grand entrance into the reception
- [ ] Guests standing and cheering
- [ ] Each toast: the speaker and the couple reacting
- [ ] Toasts from the guests' side of the room
- [ ] The couple listening to the toasts, close
- [ ] The couple's first quiet moment at the reception
- [ ] Cake cutting, wide and tight
- [ ] Feeding each other cake
- [ ] First dance, wide from the floor
- [ ] First dance, close on faces
- [ ] Parent dances
- [ ] Guests watching the first dance
- [ ] Dance floor opening up, wide
- [ ] Candid dancing, wide and close
- [ ] Grandparents on the dance floor
- [ ] Kids at the reception
- [ ] Bouquet or garter toss, if planned
- [ ] Table candids, one round of every table
- [ ] The couple visiting tables
- [ ] Band or DJ performing
- [ ] Late-night dance floor, flash or slow shutter
- [ ] Any surprise performance or tradition
- [ ] Guests lining up for the send-off
- [ ] The couple running through the send-off
- [ ] The couple getting into the car
- [ ] The car driving away
- [ ] One last portrait at the end of the night

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Details

- [ ] Invitation suite laid flat with the rings
- [ ] Rings close-up, both bands together
- [ ] Engagement ring on its own, macro
- [ ] Dress or suit hanging, full length
- [ ] Shoes, side by side
- [ ] Jewelry, watch and cufflinks
- [ ] Perfume or cologne bottle
- [ ] Bouquet and buttonholes before they are handed out
- [ ] Vows or letters in the couple's handwriting
- [ ] Any heirloom item, with whoever brought it
- [ ] Something old, new, borrowed and blue
- [ ] Head table and the couple's seats
- [ ] A full place setting
- [ ] Centerpieces, one close and one in context
- [ ] Seating chart and signage
- [ ] Cake on its own, before it is cut
- [ ] Favors and the guest book
- [ ] Bar or drink menu
- [ ] Lighting and decor after dark
- [ ] Sparklers, petals or bubbles ready for the send-off
- [ ] Hair pieces or veil laid out