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WEDDING DAY PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE

This guide covers all aspects of how your wedding will be photographed, along with the essential information I need from you to ensure the photographs perfectly capture your special day.

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Capturing celebrations of love is my dream vocation and I'm so grateful to every single couple who trusts me to preserve their memories.

Thank you for choosing me.

-Rebecca Hannah



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide details each part of your wedding day, outlining my role, where I'll be, and what will be photographed.

For ease of planning, I've included recommendations on the timing of key photographs to help you seamlessly blend photography into your day's overall flow.

You'll also find insider tips for the most beautiful, natural images — small things that make a big difference — as well as the information I'll need from you ahead of time to tailor your coverage. All of this is summarised in a short questionnaire, linked at the end of the guide. Please complete it once your plans are finalised.

While this guide provides a general overview, I welcome you to share your unique plans with me. This helps me tailor the coverage to capture your special day perfectly.

As always, if you have any questions, I'll answer them for you as quickly as I can at either:

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GETTING READY

1 - 3 HOURS

The story of the day commences well before the wedding ceremony. Coverage is a mixture of documentary, (getting ready, environment) and guided, (individual and group portraits).

Coverage:

- Preparation of both parties
- Detail photographs of your invitations, rings, shoes, dress, suit, etc...
- Venue & ceremony location
- Individual portraits
- Wedding party portraits



What I need from you:

Before the day: If you would like your invitations or stationery suite photographed, please either post me a copy of the full suite in advance or have it prepared for me to borrow on the day. - I will return it back to you once photographed.

On the day: I will borrow your rings, (engagement and wedding bands), to photograph detail shots for a few minutes.

GETTING READY

INSIDER TIPS

Set your getting ready station near a window or windows - soft daylight is perfect.

Lay out all your details in one spot: shoes, perfume, jewellery, vow books, hair accessories, cufflinks, watch, tie, boutonnière, socks, etc.

Remove bouquets from water 15–30 minutes before portraits to avoid wet marks on dresses.

Use a pretty hanger for your dress/suit (wood or fabric-covered hangers look best).

Pop any labels off shoes and accessories before I arrive.



Wear a button-down shirt or robe during hair and makeup to avoid disturbing your look when it's time to get dressed.

Have your wedding party get dressed before you — this way they're ready to help and be in the photos.



BRIDE & BRIDAL PARTY PORTRAITS

GROOM & GROOMSMEN PORTRAITS

This is the window where the excitement and anticipation builds! I'll photograph the groom and groomsmen first, then return for the bride's final touches and a few quick portraits. If timing's tight, don't worry we'll catch up after the ceremony — there is plenty of time.

Recommended Timing:

Groom & groomsmen ready 1 hour before the ceremony

This gives time for relaxed portraits and ensures I'm back for the bride's final touches.

Bridal portraits begin 30 minutes before the ceremony

Final makeup, getting into the dress, individual and group photos.

What I need from you:

On the day: Let me know in advance if you'd like a first look with a parent or special guest.

Ask your wedding party to be dressed and ready 10–15 minutes before the bride or groom.

Coverage:

- Groom and groomsmen portraits
- Bride's final touches and dress reveal
- Parent or special family member first look (if requested)
- Bridal portraits
- Bridal party portraits

WEDDING PARTY

INSIDER TIPS



Groomsmen: Empty pockets! No phones, keys, wallets, or sunglasses.

Button jackets for formal portraits; unbutton for relaxed candid.

Boutonnieres go on the left lapel, stem down — I'm happy to help pin them.



Bridesmaids: Hold bouquets at belly button height, and tilt them slightly forward.

Don't forget shoes and accessories to complete the look.

Assign someone to help fluff the train or arrange the veil — I'll guide where needed.

CEREMONY

Your big moment!

If the location is different to getting ready, I arrive in advance, in order to get a feel for the place and to introduce myself to the officiant. During the ceremony I move as discreetly as possible but I'll never shy away from getting the shot.

30 MINS - 1 HOUR



Coverage:

Every ceremony is different, it is my job to cover it all. Namely:

- Venue
- Processional
- Guests
- Speeches/Readings
- Exchange of vows & rings
- Signing
- First kiss
- Exit & Confetti toss

What I need from you:

Before the day: Please share with me any and all special celebrations and traditions that you are including in your ceremony. This helps me plan my movement around the space to be as discreet as possible.



CEREMONY

INSIDER TIPS

- Hand off your bouquet once you reach the front. Your maid of honour or a bridesmaid can hold it during the ceremony. This frees your hands to hold your partner's and keeps the focus on your faces and connection.
- Hold hands, make eye contact, and be present.
- Ask your celebrant or officiant to step aside during the first kiss. Even one step to the side can give you a clean, romantic photo without someone awkwardly in the background.
- Walk slowly down the aisle. It might feel long in the moment, but a slower pace gives more time for beautiful shots and for you to actually take it all in.
- Pause at the end of the aisle at the exit. A kiss, hug, or look back at your guests makes for a magic moment.
- Try to stay facing each other during the vows. If you stand completely turned toward the celebrant, your faces are often hidden — a slight angle toward each other is perfect.
- Be okay with emotion. Crying, laughing, taking a pause — these are all deeply human and beautiful to photograph.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

30 MINS

While they can be a bit hectic, I have strategies to ensure we capture all your desired combinations smoothly and stress-free.

I recommend taking these portraits during the cocktail hour.

I'll recommend the ideal location, considering the setting and lighting, and will assist you and your family with positioning and posing.

Coverage:

- Your family combinations
- Drone photographs (if time permits)



What I need from you:

Before the day: A list of all desired family groupings for the portraits, including the names of everyone involved.

On the day: Assign a designated coordinator(s) who knows all the family members and has a copy of the combinations list. They will be invaluable in organizing groups efficiently, allowing for a smoother photo session.

COUPLE PORTRAITS

This part of your special day is all about you as a couple. It's a chance to step away from the crowd and focus on each other, creating memories that are intimate and uniquely yours. I prefer to take brief moments throughout your day (2-3) where there are natural pauses in the day. You can have couple photos without missing out on celebrating with your guests!



The first photo session usually takes place right after the ceremony, where it is easy to steal a few moments to yourself, you're full of emotion and we can capture natural, authentic moments.

For the second session, we aim for golden hour, timing it either as guests move to dinner or before dessert/cake cutting.





COUPLE PORTRAITS CONT.

As a photographer, my priority is to capture the authenticity of who you are as a couple. I focus on natural shots and avoid strict, artificial posing.

Instead of instructing forced smiles or kisses, I let these moments unfold spontaneously.

Feeling a bit unsure in front of the camera is natural, but don't worry — you'll be swept up in the love and celebration of your day. And I'm here to help you navigate this.

While I'll be capturing your genuine moments, I'll also provide gentle guidance. I'll help you find the best locations and lighting, and offer subtle suggestions on how to hold your hands, position your flowers, or adjust your dress/suit.

Our session will include prompts to encourage natural movement and fun, ensuring that you're comfortable and at ease. The focus is always on capturing the real, unscripted interactions and joy between you both.

INSIDER TIPS

- If you're not sure where to look — look at each other.
- Don't know what to do with your hands? Put them on each other — hands on the waist, face, back, or holding hands always works.
- Movement is your friend — walk together, sway, twirl, pull each other in.
- Take a deep breath and lean in close.
- Keep your bouquet low and relaxed, not stiff or tight against your chest.
- Stay close — even between shots.



COCKTAIL HOUR

Coverage:

- Venue
- Detail photos of the bar/drinks/food
- Planned family and guest portraits
- Wedding party portraits - if we didn't capture them before the ceremony
- Candid photos of you & your guests
- Speeches (if you choose to have some during cocktail hour)



RECEPTION

Relax and immerse yourself in the joy of being celebrated. I'll take care of capturing every detail.

Before the reception, I'll photograph your table settings, cake, decorations, and all the details you've planned.

Throughout the celebration, I'll be there, photographing the spontaneous and genuine moments.

Coverage:

- Venue
- Table settings
- Cake
- Grand entrance
- Food
- Candid photos of you & your guests
- Speeches
- Cake cutting

We can also take golden hour photos now if the weather is on our side.



What I need from you:

Before the day: Please let me know the type of meal you'll be serving. (Buffet/sit down/dessert table etc...) This information is helpful for planning my schedule and coordinating efficiently with your caterers.

Let me know if you have any special events planned such as sparklers or fireworks.



FIRST DANCE & PARTY!

Coverage:

- Venue
- First Dance
- Special dance combinations
- Dance floor
- Grand exit, (if leaving).

QUESTIONNAIRE

I hope you find this guide valuable in planning your special day.

No detail is too small when it comes to celebrating your love for each other. Please use the provided questionnaire to share your specific requests and desired shot list.

Your answers will be saved as a draft for 30 days each time you add/edit an entry so you can answer and return to it as more details of your day are finalised.

As your wedding day approaches, I'll reach out for another call or meeting to ensure we're perfectly aligned.

In the meantime, enjoy every moment of planning your wedding!

WEDDING GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE



RHP Wedding Guide Questionnaire

No detail is too small when it comes to celebrating your love for each other. Please use this form to share your specific requests and desired shot list.

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

Wedding Details: The name & address(es) of your Venue: *
Please include all addresses where necessary:
(Preparation, Ceremony, Cocktail hour, Reception)

Your answer

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