

Essential Video Wedding Shot List

Pre-Ceremony Prep

- Wedding dress
- Zipping or buttoning the dress
- Close-up of bride's rings, other jewelry, shoes
- Bride putting on the veil
- Putting on boutonnieres
- Groom tying tie
- Bride and groom with respective parents

Ceremony Shots

- Exterior of ceremony site
- Guests walking in
- Flowers, musicians, altar at ceremony site
- Families and bridesmaids entering
- Flower girl and ring bearer entering
- Groom waiting for bride
- Bride's entrance and walk down aisle
- Groom seeing bride for the first time
- Father shaking groom's hand, hugging bride
- Any readings or performances by guests
- Shots of guests seated and watching, for use in editing
- Vows
- Ring exchange
- Unity ceremony
- First kiss and introduction as couple
- Bride and groom walking up aisle
- Receiving line/ guests throwing petals, rice, birdseed, etc.
- Bride and groom in car to reception site

Formal Shots

- Bride, full length
- Bride and groom
- Bride with maid of honor, bridesmaids
- Groom with best man, groomsmen
- Bride with groomsmen

- Groom with bridesmaids
- Bride and groom with wedding party
- Bride with parents
- Bride with family
- Groom with parents
- Groom with family
- Bride and groom with all family
- Bride and groom with flower girl and ring bearer

During the Reception

- Exterior of reception site
- Bride and groom arriving
- Table centerpieces
- Table setting
- Placecards table
- Close-up of bride and groom placecard, menu, guestbook
- Wedding cake/ groom's cake
- Guests arriving at reception
- Band/ DJ
- Bride and groom's first dance
- Father and daughter's dance
- Mother and son's dance
- Toasts (all)
- Bouquet toss
- Garter toss
- Guests dancing
- Cake cutting
- Bride and groom toasting each other
- Getaway car
- Bride and groom leaving

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