



# WEDDING DAY PREP CHECKLIST

Time on a wedding day seems to move at a quicker-than-normal pace, and while we build a buffer into your wedding day timeline, preparation ahead of time can make all the difference in the world! Just by doing these small things up front, we can save upwards of an hour of time, leaving more space for photographing all the beautiful things that matter most on your special day.

## GETTING READY SPACES (BOTH BRIDE AND GROOM)

- ☐ FIND AN AREA BY A WINDOW OR SPACE THAT HAS THE BEST NATURAL LIGHTING AND KEEP IT CLEAR OF CLOTHING OR OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS PHONE CORDS, BAGS, SHOES, ETC.
- ☐ HAVE ALL OF YOUR BRIDAL DETAILS IN ONE AREA OF THE ROOM (DRESS, VEIL, SHOES, JEWELRY, INVITATION SUITE, BOUQUET, PERFUME)
- ☐ HAVE ALL GROOM DETAILS IN ONE AREA OF THE GROOM'S GETTING READY AREA (SHOES, SOCKS, JACKET, CUFFLINKS, TIE, BOUTONNIERE, COLOGNE)
- ☐ IF YOU ARE GIVING EACH OTHER GIFTS, HAVE THOSE IN THE SAME AREA AS YOUR DETAILS
- ☐ BRING A PERSONALIZED HANGER FOR YOUR DRESS IF YOU'D LIKE. IF NOT PERSONALIZED, A NICE WOODEN HANGER WILL BE FINE
- ☐ MAKE SURE YOU EAT SO YOU HAVE FEUL TO GET THROUGH THIS AMAZINGLY FUN DAY AHEAD OF YOU
- ☐ MAKE SURE YOU EAT SO YOU HAVE FEUL TO GET THROUGH THE WILDLY SPECIAL DAY AHEAD OF YOU
- ☐ REQUEST THAT YOUR FLORIST PROVIDE SOME LOOSE STEMS AND GREENERY THAT MATCH YOUR BOUQUET AND SET THOSE TO THE SIDE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER TO USE WHEN STYLING DETAILS



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## PREPARATION FOR FAMILY FORMAL PORTRAITS POST-CEREMONY

- ☐ WORK WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER TO IDENTIFY WHICH FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD BE PART OF THE "FAMILY FORMALS" PORTION OF THE DAY.
- ☐ DISCUSS ANY UNIQUE FAMILY DYNAMICS WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER SUCH AS DIVORCES, STEP-FAMILY/SIBLINGS, RECENT DEATHS IN THE FAMILY, FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT GET ALONG, WHICH GRANDPARENTS WILL BE PRESENT
- ☐ IDENTIFY A VERY SPECIFIC LOCATION TO MEET AS SOON AS THE CEREMONY IS OVER
- ☐ COMMUNICATE WHERE TO MEET TO ALL FAMILY INVOLVED IN THIS PORTION OF THE DAY \*\*THIS IS KEY. SO MUCH TIME CAN BE LOST WHEN FAMILY WANDERS OFF TO GET A DRINK OR MAKE AN IMPROMPTU RUN FOR THE BORDER (TACO BELL). YES, THIS DID ACTUALLY HAPPEN
- ☐ MAKE SURE YOU EAT SO YOU HAVE FEUL TO GET THROUGH THE WILDLY SPECIAL DAY AHEAD OF YOU
- ☐ INFORM EXTENDED FAMILY AHEAD OF TIME THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PHOTOGRAPHED AT THIS TIME BUT WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH YOU DURING THE RECEPTION (AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, ETC.)
- ☐ DESIGNATE SOMEONE (USUALLY A MAID OF HONOR OR BEST MAN) WHO KNOWS THE FAMILIES TO HELP OUT IN CASE WE NEED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WANDERS OFF



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## GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING THE DAY RUN SMOOTH

- ☐ INFORM YOUR WEDDING PLANNER/RECEPTION COORDINATOR/ POINT OF CONTACT AT THE RECEPTION VENUE/CATERER THAT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS (AND VIDEOGRAPHERS) SERVED DINNER AT THE SAME TIME AS THE WEDDING PARTY. THIS SOUNDS SILLY BUT OFTEN TIMES, VENDORS ARE THE LAST TO BE FED, AND BY THE TIME FOOD IS OFFERED, IT'S TIME TO PHOTOGRAPH TOASTS OR DANCES. ALLOWING YOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO EAT WHEN YOU EAT PROVIDES THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO RE-FUEL AND BE READY TO GO WHEN IT'S TIME. I PROMISE THEY'LL LOVE YOU FOR THIS.
- ☐ REQUEST THAT GUESTS NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE RECEPTION SPACE UNTIL IT HAS BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED. YOU SPEND AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME PLANNING THE AESTHETIC OF YOUR DAY AND YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER WANTS TO CAPTURE IT, UNTOUCHED, FOR YOU. (PLACE SETTINGS, DESSERTS, PLACE CARDS, FAVORS, TABLESCAPES, ENTIRE ROOM SET UP)
- ☐ PROVIDE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER WITH IMPORTANT GROUPS OF GUESTS YOU'D LIKE TO GATHER FOR PHOTOS DURING THE RECEPTION (CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, COLLEGE FRIENDS, YOUR MOTHER AND HER THREE SISTERS, YOUR HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE TEAM, YOUR COWORKERS, ETC.).
- ☐ DECIDE IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE EACH TABLE PHOTOGRAPHED, WHETHER YOU'D LIKE TO BE IN EACH OF THOSE PHOTOS, AND LET YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER KNOW SO THE LOGISTICS CAN BE PLANNED