

*how to create*

THE PERFECT  
WEDDING  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
TIMELINE

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When you think about your wedding day, what parts of the day are you most excited about? Maybe it's seeing your soon-to-be-spouse for the first time! Or that first walk down the aisle as a married couple! Or maybe it's those moments you'll share capturing your newlywed portraits as the sun sets.

One thing I bet you aren't thinking about is coordinating arrival times for your family. Or wrangling your wedding party. Or trying to figure out where to take all of your portraits! When problems like these arise on your wedding day, they pull you out of the celebration and into problem solving mode. And that kind of stress will show in your photos.

It might sound dramatic, but it's true: Your wedding day timeline is the one thing that can make or break your photography! Not sure where to begin? This guide will give you the tools to create a custom timeline that perfectly captures your celebration.

## START FROM THE CEREMONY & WORK BACKWARDS

Why start your timeline at the ceremony? Because it's the one part of the day that is set in stone! Next, ask yourself these key questions to help build out the rest of the day:

### key questions:

- 01 Will our wedding day activities take place in one place, or in multiple locations?
- 02 Do we want to see each other before the ceremony (have a first look)?
- 03 What time will the sun set on our wedding day?
- 04 Do we want to take our formal family portraits before or after the ceremony?

## LEAN ON YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Your wedding day photography timeline is a lot like your own personal schedule for the day. After all, your photographer is there to capture every detail of the day, especially the moments you share with your friends & family.

When helping you draft your photography plan, I want to understand which photos and moments throughout the day are the most important to you, and which ones can be skipped or de-prioritized. Great lighting is key to any great photo, so we'll take location and time of day into consideration too.

Once you've answered the key questions and we know which parts of the day are the most important to you, we can start to draft your timeline. Below I've listed the approximate amount of time needed to capture key moments throughout the day:

### approximate times for important photography moments:

details & getting ready	1.5 hours
first look & portraits	30-45 minutes
wedding party portraits	45 minutes
formal family portraits	45 minutes
additional portrait time	as much as you'll give me!

pro tip:

If you've hired a coordinator I'll work with them to ensure our timelines fit together perfectly!



# *sample* TIMELINE

This ideal timeline is based off of a wedding day that includes a first look. Remember that all wedding days are different. Now that you know roughly how long different key portrait times can take, you can use this sample timeline to draft your own timeline customized to your wedding day celebration! (And remember to factor in travel times if you'll be moving locations!)

<i>2:30 p.m.</i>	photographing details & getting ready begins
<i>3:00 p.m.</i>	bride done with hair and makeup bridesmaids & MOB get dressed
<i>3:15 p.m.</i>	bride puts on her wedding dress! bridal portraits groom gets dressed separately
<i>3:45 p.m.</i>	bride's first look with father
<i>4:00 p.m.</i>	first look with spouse-to-be portraits
<i>4:45 p.m.</i>	wedding party portraits
<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	wedding party tucked away before ceremony
<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	CEREMONY!
<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	ceremony ends - you're married! family portraits
<i>7:15 p.m.</i>	family portraits complete newlywed sunset portraits
<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	reception begins! dinner, toasts, cake cutting, first dances
<i>9:30 p.m.</i>	open dance
<i>10:30 p.m.</i>	Bailey's team exits -- party on!!







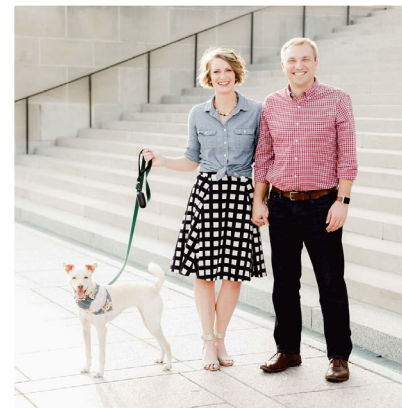
## TIMELINE SET! NOW WHAT?

Share your timeline with every member of your wedding party and family that will be involved in the wedding! That way, everyone knows where they need to be every part of the day. And it helps ensure your family members are present and on time for formal family portraits!

Next, sit back and enjoy! Now that you and your vendor team have crafted a plan, sit back and enjoy it! Your wedding day professionals are there to make sure your day runs smoothly. Let them take the reins and pour yourself another mimosa!



## MEET BAILEY



Hello and thank you for downloading this guide! You're one step closer to planning the perfect wedding for you :)

I'm Bailey Pianalto, the owner of Bailey Pianalto Photography! Because I believe that getting to know my clients is the #1 way to ensure an awesome experience, I'd love to tell you a little about me and my family. Here are a few things you should know!

- I started BPP in 2014 after photographing my friends' engagement session.
- My husband Vince and I met playing coed kickball after work.
- In 2018 we adopted our puppy Nora!
- My must-have working accessory (besides my laptop) is a fresh stack of stickie notes.
- In my office I have an irresponsible number of house plants (35 and counting!)
- When I'm not working, I volunteer my time at NourishKC, the JoCo Master Gardeners, and Children's Mercy Hospital.
- My favorite editing ambience is listening to podcasts!
- I believe in imagery that is bright, classic, true to life, and as timeless as your marriage!

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## CONTACT BAILEY

