

Survival Guide

for your wedding day



Hey there!

I'm over the moon that we might get to work together and that I would get to document such a special moment for you and your partner! I have put together the following tips to ensure a smooth, easy, and STRESS-FREE day!



Wedding Day Prep

A few tips to consider

- **Getting Ready:** Make sure you tidy the space. Get rid of all the clutter and set out the details. Not only does this help your photographer have all your details ready to go for photos, but it helps you to be organized and prepared, so you don't have to run around looking for things last minute, the day of.
- **Details to set out:** Rings, invites, florals, shoes, jewelry, tie/bowtie, perfume, earrings, shoes, flowers,, etc.
- **Have a little "Survival Kit":** include things like: Water, Tylenol, walking shoes, make-up for touch ups, deodorant, lip balm, boob tape, stain wipes, and anything else that may come in handy.
- **Kiss at the end of the aisle!** It's so beautiful having your guest in the background cheering for you as you kiss your new spouse!
- **Sneak away for golden hour photos.** If there is a 15 minute window during sunset, let's sneak away and take advantage of that beautiful light! Let your coordinator know if you wish to have this so they can factor it into your timeline.
- **Make a list ahead of time of "Group/family photos" that you will want.** This way, you don't have to try and remember in the moment and be upset later that you missed/forgot one.
- **Get the party started!** Get your guests on the dance floor for some epic dance photos!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. See you soon!



Wedding planning

A few tips to consider

- **Pack an extra dress for the reception and some comfortable shoes!** I can't tell you how many times I've done a wedding and the bride was miserably uncomfortable by the end of the night due to a huge or restricting dress, and heels. Prepare yourself for comfort to let loose and ENJOY your party that you put so much work into planning!
- **Plan a creative send off!** Not only are send-off's super fun for you to "Exit" newlyweds', but it's a fun way to engage your guests. It's also a GREAT photo op!
- **If you can, I would suggest investing in a wedding coordinator!** This way, you have less stress with planning, and you can relax the day of. It's great to have someone there to handle all the to-do's, mishaps, and timeline management so you don't have to. If you can't budget in a standard coordinator, you can hire a "Day-Of" Coordinator.
- **Setting up or hiring a photobooth** is a GREAT way to engage and entertain guests! Especially when they need something to occupy them with while you sneak off for your own photos.
- **Pack snacks and water for yourself and your wedding party** (bridesmaids and groomsmen) to have throughout the day. The last thing you want is to be dehydrated and hangry.
- **Hire professionals for hair and makeup** if your budget allows. I know you might "have a friend who's really good at it" but hiring a professional will take away any stress of things going wrong or not turning out right. They are also accustomed to working with a tight timeline. Hiring professionals will also allow you to kick back and feel pampered on your big day!
- **Get plenty of rest the night before!** This way, you will be awake and ready to conquer the day, can stay up and enjoy your reception, and you will have less stress & more patience.



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Shot list

Fill this out with all the photos and specific group shots you want and send this to your photographer

Getting ready:

Bride & Groom Portraits:

Detail shots:

Special guests/moments/Etc:

Family/Groups:

The Details

A checklist for the big day

Remembering the little details is just as important as the big ones. If you want some BOMB detail/flat lay photos from your photographer, then here's a small checklist of items you can gather together ahead of time to set your photographer up for success to capture all the things! I suggest putting everything in one spot (a box, bag, etc.) a day or two ahead of time so you don't have to worry about it on the actual day of your wedding! **SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS MY FRIEND!** Also, please remember these are suggestions, not a rule. You do NOT have to have every single one of these items. Just pick what you want to be photographed! Pinterest is a great tool to get some inspiration!

- Rings (Both partners)
- Necklaces, earrings, bracelets, watches, etc. Any other important-to-you "jewelry" items
- Perfume
- Lip gloss/stick
- Socks and shoes (Both partners)
- A formal invitation and envelope
- A few flowers clippings
- Boutonniere
- Bouquet
- Tie
- Vow books/letters
- Special hair clips

HOT TIP:

Screen shot this page to your phone so you can have it easily on hand for the day-of!

That's all I've got!
Until next time

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