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PHOTOGRAPHY



sample shot list
cheatsheet



Introduction

Ever feel so rushed, overwhelmed or nervous during a shoot that you wind up missing key shots?

I get it! Trust me. I have been there. Hello! My name is Gabby and I used to leave sessions and weddings thinking - "what did I miss this time?"

Over the years I've learned **the power of less**. And after much trial and error I've got shot list making down to a science!



An effective shot list is a very valuable tool - but it takes practice to craft one. A list that is too long or specific can stifle creativity and leave you rushing around to capture the list rather than focusing on the moment right in front of you.

These comprehensive lists will serve as a jumping off point so you never have to worry about missing a shot again! Feel free to print them out and take them with you.

There are three compositions I ALWAYS shoot for - full length shots, close ups, and in motion. Even without a list, this will give you a huge variety! I hope you find this resource useful.



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Couples Session

Perfect for Engagements, Anniversary or any session where you'll have the opportunity to photograph a couple. You can also use this same list when photographing a couple on their wedding day alone!

Together

- ☐ Full length
 - *Walking away + toward camera, looking at each other, lean in kiss*
 - *Dancing*
- ☐ Close ups
- ☐ Intimate close up - rings visible, hands through hair, 'almost' kiss
- ☐ Sitting poses

Individually

- ☐ Close up of her
- ☐ Full length of her
 - *Looking at camera, walking toward, walking away and looking back*
 - *Looking away*
- ☐ Close up of him
- ☐ Full length of him



Bridal Portrait Session

Bridal sessions are a great way to slow down and really focus on capturing stunning portraits as well as details without the hustle and bustle of a wedding day. This list should be a great start to make sure you capture a variety of compositions.

Don't forget to step back for shots that include your location. Try circling your bride once you have her posed to explore angles you might otherwise not notice!

- ☐ Full length
 - *Walking away + toward camera*
 - *With dress train spread or laid beautifully from behind*
 - *Dancing, playing with dress material*
 - *With and without veil*
 - *Under the veil*
- ☐ Close ups
 - *Walking away + toward camera*
 - *With and without veil*
 - *Under the veil*
- ☐ Intimate close up - ring visible, hands through hair, jewelry, holding flowers
- ☐ Sitting poses
- ☐ Stand alone details: jewelry, flowers, rings, invitations



Wedding Day

Having a solid shot list on a wedding day can be an incredible tool in your pocket. Try not to over think this, keep things simple and straight forward!

After over 10 years of shooting weddings, here is my "go to" shot list for group photos. I actually send this list to all my couples and ask them to alter it to suit their family dynamics. This is super helpful and they're always appreciative for the guidance!



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Formal Group Photos



Family (10-20 minutes)

- *Bride + Groom and her parents*
- *Bride + Groom and her immediate family*
- *Bride + Groom and both families*
- *Bride + Groom and his family*
- *Bride + Groom and his parents*
- *Bride + Groom and grandparents*
- *Bride + her mom*
- *Bride + her dad*
- *Bride + her siblings*
- *Groom + his mom*
- *Groom + his dad*
- *Groom + his siblings*



Wedding Party (20 minutes)

- *Bride + bridesmaids (together + w/ each individually)*
- *Each bridesmaid alone (full length, close up, flower detail)*
- *Groom + groomsmen (together + w/ each individually)*
- *Each groomsmen alone (full length, close up, flower or other detail)*
- *Bride + Groom w/ entire wedding party (formal + casual poses)*
- *Bride + Groom w/ entire wedding party (in motion)*



The Couple

- *Together*
- *Separately (full length + close up)*
- *Standing pose*
- *Sitting pose*
- *In motion (walking, dancing, ect)*

Looking for a specific resource?

Tell me what so I can help you!

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