



A WORKBOOK FOR BRIDES
TO CREATE THEIR BEST

WEDDING DAY TIMELINE



Hey there, fabulous bride-to-be!

First of all - thank you for downloading this ebook! One of my favorite things to do as a wedding photographer is actually be *more* than a wedding photographer. I love sitting down with brides (probably over coffee or wine, let's be real) and talking through all the intricacies of their big day to make sure that when it finally rolls around, my clients can just sit back and be brides and leave all the details to me (or a planner, or family friend—whoever is helping!).

Here's the thing: you've probably never planned a wedding before. And that's a *good* thing. Heck, even if you have, every wedding is so amazingly different that you still might feel like a fish out of water. That's where I come in!

Even if you're not Type A (like me!) planning your wedding timeline is hugely important to making sure that you can enjoy your day. Of course, things come up and timelines are meant to ebb and flow, but having something to refer back to ensures everyone is on the same page. It also makes sure you have plenty of time for the important things—and if you're a client of mine, that means plenty of time for the photos you've invested in!

Cheers and Happy Planning!

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First, answer these questions.

Will you have a First Look? YES NO (circle one)

Is there any travel time between venues? YES NO (circle one)

What time is the ceremony? _____

What time does the sun set? _____

1. Start with your ceremony time and **subtract 30 minutes**. That's when you need to be done with portraits. (To be extra safe, you can subtract an hour.)

_____ (time)

2. From that time, **subtract 20 minutes**. That's your start time for family portraits. (If you have a large family, subtract 30-40 minutes.)

_____ (time)

3. From your family portrait start time, **subtract another 20 minutes** (if you have your photographer for 8 or more hours, have a small wedding party, or will be on site for photos), **or 30-40 minutes** (if you have your photographer for less than 8 hours, have a large wedding party, or will be off-site for photos).

_____ (time)

4. From your wedding party portrait start time, **subtract 30-60 minutes** for your first look and bridal portraits. You can do less time if you're planning on sunset photos.

_____ (time)

5. Plan to be ready **20 minutes before** your first look. Your photographer should arrive at least an hour prior to you being ready (ideally about 2 hours prior) for detail and getting ready photos.

_____ (time)

Use the worksheet to fill in the times on the below timeline.

