

WEDDING DAY
SAMPLE TIMELINE



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Time	Event	Notes
9:00am-2:30pm * Time flexible based on hair/makeup plans	Getting Ready Photographer arrives towards the end of getting ready to get shots of bride getting into dress and final hair/make-up touches. Bride should get hair and make-up done last	
2:00-5:00pm	Set-up of ceremony + reception spaces Jillian + vendors	
2:30-4:00pm	Pre-Ceremony photos First Look (if you'd like to do one) Bridesmaids + Groomsmen (if you have a wedding party) Family photos (if desired)	
4:30pm	Guests begin arriving / Couple hidden for ceremony	
4:55pm	All guests find seats for ceremony	
5:00pm	Ceremony begins	
5:30pm	Ceremony ends	
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail hour	
5:30-6:45pm	Photos Family (15-20mins) Full bridal party (10-15mins) Couple portraits (30-45mins) * location is dependent also on time needed	** you will want to talk with your photographer about this timeline and how much time they need. They will dictate the photo timelines. Other idea is we can always make cocktail hour an hour and a half long!
6:30pm	Guests ushered to take seats	
6:45pm	Grand Entrance	
Immediately following	Welcome toast (if applicable)	
6:50-7:45pm	Dinner	
7:30pm * Towards the end of dinner when everyone is served but some people are still finishing up	Toasts (how many? This will determine time. Recommend taking people to be short and sweet!)	
Immediately following (approx 8:00pm)	Cake cutting	

Immediately following (approx 8:05pm)	First dances *if you are doing any Traditional dances are: Bride/Groom Father/Daughter Mother/Son	
8:15-11:00pm	Open dance floor Bouquet/Garter toss (if applicable) during this time	
10:55pm	Last song and/or Grand Exit	
11:00pm	Event over, guests depart	
11:00-12:00am	Clean-up	
12:00pm	Vendors done and out	

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- Don't forget to calculate time it will take you to get to and from your venue when thinking about your getting ready timeline.
- Remember to include information like what time you have contracted access to the venue and what time clean-up needs to be completed.
- Things may happen in a "traditional" order but remember you can always move things around! This is your wedding - do what you want!
- Remember to think about the timeline from your perspective, your guests perspective and your vendors perspective.
- After you create the first draft of your timeline, be sure to consult your vendors, especially your photographer. They will all have input which may adjust the final timeline.

MY NOTES

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