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My 5 Best Wedding Photo Tips Ever

from long-serving wedding photographer Michelle Tverberg

1. Take Your Wedding Photos Before the Ceremony

A bride is no longer locked in seclusion for fear of passing ill luck to the groom if he sees her before the wedding. You'll avoid rushed photos, and impatient guests by having the portraits taken before the ceremony. Of course, you ought to make it special when the bride & groom first see each other. Ensure that the photographer is there capturing the romance & energy of these intimate moments.

2. Avoid a Thorny Situation, Ask Your Florist for an Extra Corsage

Just in case one gets broken or marred. Also, it's definitely worth the extra service fee to have the florist stay and ensure all flowers are pinned on and perfect. (Or perhaps a single female relative that would like the idea of getting close to a group of tuxedo clad groomsmen.)

3. Face the Audience

Fabulous pictures occur when the bride & groom face their audience of guests. If possible have the wedding party turn towards the audience too. Just remember that your guests do want to see your face more than the back of your head. Especially during the vows and lighting of the unity candle.

4. Pamper the Groom Way Before the Honeymoon-- with a Manicure

Without fail, grooms shy away when it's time to have their hand photographed for the classic bride-groom-ring-close-up photo. This reluctance is remedied with a bit of cuticle care, not to mention the confidence he'll have shaking well-wisher's hands through-out the day.

5. Find a Special Location for Newlywed Pics Together

Find an attractive photo spot prior to your wedding day. Plan on a few-minute stop between your ceremony & reception location for capturing candid, romantic photos. Parks, lakes, and unique city backgrounds all make for fun pictures with the newly-weds.

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