

11 WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY TRENDS FOR YOUR BIG DAY

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Forget those stiff, boring wedding photos that resemble vintage prom pictures: these cool new wedding photography trends will add some modern “oomph” to your big day. Here are some suggestions, courtesy of TheKnot.com and BridalTribe.com.

FORMAL BRIDAL PORTRAITS

Some brides are opting to do some shots in their dress ahead of the actual day. Face it, you’re spending all this money on a gorgeous gown – show it off to perfection.

FATHER-DAUGHTER “FIRST LOOK”

It’s that look on your dad’s face when he first sees his “little girl” all dressed in white and coming down the aisle. Many brides are asking photographers to make sure they capture that priceless moment. Sweet.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Weddings bring together many generations. So how cool would it be to share photos of your mom, Grammy or other family members? They could be “bridal,” they could be “dating” pics; no matter what you choose, it provides a lovely backdrop – and a sense of continuity.

OVERHEAD SHOTS

Whether the photographer shoots an aerial view of the bride and groom walking back down the aisle, or is on top of the tables at the reception, crazy angles are in. They provide a surprising – and memorable- perspective on those big moments of your big day.

SELFIE STATIONS

No shocker that the selfie is making an appearance at weddings. Couples are setting up “selfie stations,” featuring a cute backdrop. It’s a fun way to add some spontaneity to the event – not to mention, getting the pics out on social media before the chicken dinners arrive at the table.

GRID-STYLE BRIDAL PARTY SHOTS

Bridal party members put a lot of time and effort into being part of the event. Not to mention rockin’ some seriously questionable outfits. So here’s a fresh idea: shoot each one individually and arrange the shots in your photo album like the opening credits to “The Brady Bunch.”

WOODLAND SETTINGS

The fairy-tale vibe is big in weddings, lately. Trellises, arches, and lots of trees and flowers are the go-to photo accessories. For this, you need a photographer who can rock an outdoor shot, with its specific lighting needs.

PHOTO BOOTHS

A variation on the selfie. Add props and a real-time video projection of what's going on inside, and your dance floor goes to the next level.

The rates for a wedding photographer can vary widely depending on experience, locale and more. Some tips to help you with your budget include:

- 1) Make your own album. Having the photographer pick and choose can really up the ante. Getting the proofs, then printing them through something like Shutterfly, can save major dollars. NOTE: You'll need to negotiate the buying of rights ahead of time with your photographer. But it will save you in the long run.
- 2) Use a photographer who works from home. External studio rentals can add significant costs to the bill.
- 3) Limit the number of hours the photographer works at your wedding. Supplement things with disposable cameras or even a student photographer who will work for cheap.

So use these wedding photography trend tips to make your Big Day as stylish and unique as you and your honey-to-be. And have some dough left over to spend on the honeymoon!