Ceremony Checklist

Your Ceremony, Your Way

A little guide to creating a celebration that's wonderfully you.

Planning your wedding ceremony should be one of the lovely parts of getting married — not another thing on your to-do list to worry about!

Whether you already have lots of ideas or haven't a clue where to begin, here are a few things to think about.

The setting

- [ ] Have you chosen your venue or special location?
- [ ] Would you prefer an indoor or outdoor ceremony?
- [ ] Do you have a backup plan if the British weather has other ideas?
- [ ] Have you thought about how you'd like your ceremony space to look?

The ceremony itself

- [ ] What sort of atmosphere would you love — romantic, relaxed, joyful, funny, traditional or a mixture?
- [ ] Would you like to share your story and how you came to be together?
- [ ] Would you like to write your own vows?
- [ ] Will you exchange rings?
- [ ] Are there any special traditions or symbolic rituals you'd like to include?

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Your favourite people

- [ ] Would you like family or friends to do a reading?
- [ ] Are there children you'd like to involve?
- [ ] Would you like to remember loved ones who can't be there?
- [ ] Is there anyone you'd like to give a special role?

Music and special touches

- [ ] Have you chosen music for your entrance and exit?
- [ ] Is there a song, poem or reading that means something to you?
- [ ] Would you like a moment of humour or an unexpected surprise?
- [ ] Are there any cultural or family traditions you'd like to celebrate?

The practical bits

- [ ] Have you arranged your legal marriage formalities separately?
- [ ] Have you discussed the timing of your ceremony with your venue?
- [ ] Will you need microphones or a sound system?
- [ ] Have you decided who will look after the rings?
- [ ] Have you allowed time for a rehearsal or walk-through, if needed?

And most importantly...

Does your ceremony feel like you?

There are no rules about having to be serious, traditional or doing things simply because they've always been done that way. This is your moment, your story and your celebration. It should feel exactly right for you.



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