



# First Look VS Traditional

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One of the most common questions couples ask is whether they should do a first look or keep things traditional and the honest answer is that both options are meaningful.

The difference isn't about what photographs better; it's about how you want your wedding day to feel. Below is a breakdown of both options to help you decide what fits your personalities, priorities, and the rhythm you want for your day.



# First Look Ceremony (Before Ceremony)

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## Pros:

- Emotional connection in private: You get that raw, unfiltered reaction without an audience watching.
- Smoother timeline: Portraits can be done before the ceremony, giving you breathing room later in the day.
- More time together: You actually spend more of your wedding day side-by-side instead of apart until the ceremony.
- Fresh hair, makeup, and energy: Everyone looks their best earlier in the day.
- Less pressure before the aisle: Calms nerves for couples who feel anxious about the big “walking down the aisle” moment.

## Cons:

- Breaks tradition: If either of you values the “seeing each other for the first time” moment at the aisle, this can feel like a loss.
- Earlier start time: You’ll likely need to begin hair, makeup, and prep much earlier.
- Light and weather risks: Depending on the season, you might be shooting midday light (harsher conditions).
- Requires coordination: Family and wedding party photos before the ceremony can add moving parts to the pre-ceremony timeline.

When you imagine your wedding morning — do you picture calm and togetherness, or do you want to build up that anticipation for a big reveal?



# Traditional Ceremony (No First Look)

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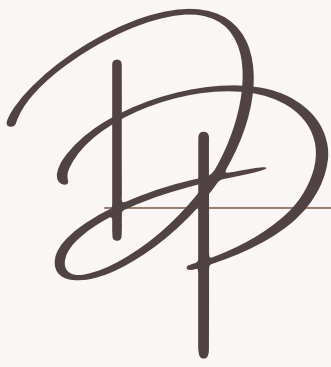
## Pros:

- Classic emotional moment: That aisle reaction is powerful and deeply rooted in tradition.
- Builds anticipation: There's something beautiful about the waiting and the reveal happening in front of loved ones.
- Simpler pre-ceremony timeline: You can focus on getting ready without squeezing in portraits.

## Cons:

- Limited daylight (especially winter): Portraits afterward may be rushed or in fading light.
- Less couple time: You don't actually spend much of the day together until the ceremony ends.
- More pressure post-ceremony: You'll need to fit portraits, family photos, and couple shots before dinner or sunset.
- Nerves can build: For some, the waiting adds anxiety instead of excitement.

When you picture your wedding day, do you imagine spending as much time together as possible — or do you really want that once-in-a-lifetime aisle moment?



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At the end of the day this choice does not affect the love emotion or beauty of your wedding it simply shapes the flow of the day.

My job is to help you create a timeline that supports what matters most to you whether that is a quiet moment together or a traditional aisle reveal. Once you decide what feels most aligned I will take care of the rest.