

QUESTIONNAIRE



ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TO GET STARTED:

The purpose of asking these questions is to learn as much as possible about the couple's journey – from their first meeting to the wedding day. Focus on details that show how they make each other happy, how they support one another, and what they admire most about each other.

Learning the answers to these questions will help you craft a ceremony that represents the couple, and gives guests a glimpse into their love and life.

You'll find that many couples haven't had these kinds of conversations with each other, and may have never tried putting their love into words. They'll need some time – and your guidance – to find them. This comprehensive questionnaire should help you get started.

The first half of this questionnaire deals with the practical details of the ceremony, while the second prompts responses that cover the couples relationship, and gives your inspiration to describe their love in words. And, as always, feel free to add your own questions!



CEREMONY DETAILS

- Date:
- Time:
- Location (Address):
- Is the ceremony indoor or outdoor?
- Is there unique weather or terrain to plan for?
- How many guests will be in attendance?
- What sort of guests will be in attendance? (Will there be a lot of strangers – out of towners, distant relatives, co-workers, etc? Or will it be close friends only?)
- How long would you like your ceremony to be? (The average ceremony is 15-20 minutes.)
- Will there be any special needs to accommodate, like deaf or hard-of-hearing guests?
- Describe your ideal wedding ceremony in your own words:
- Is there anything in particular that you want to avoid, or do NOT want to include in the ceremony?
- Will you be including any other friends or family members in your ceremony?
- If so, how many, and when/where in the ceremony?



THE PROCESSION

- Will any loved ones – parents, mentors, children, etc – act as an escort during The Procession?
- If so, will they present an end-of- aisle question?



THE INVOCATION

- Would you like me to share a brief story of your life together, to add a personalized touch?
- If so, how detailed would you like me to be?

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THE DECLARATION OF INTENT

- Would you like to include the Declaration of Intent in your ceremony?
- If so, how would you like it to look/sound?



UNITY RITUALS

- Will there be a ring exchange?
- If so, who will have the rings in possession?
- Will there be any additional unity rituals - like a sand ceremony, candle lighting, etc.
- If so, what kind of additional unity ritual(s) would you like to include:
- Who's in charge of bringing any additional materials for the unity ritual(s)?



READINGS

- Will there be any additional readings?
- If so, what kind of personal readings or stories will you want to incorporate?
- If the desired readings are religious, do you have any specific proverbs, scripture, or texts in mind?



VOWS

- What type of vow exchange would you prefer? ("I Do," Repeat After Me, Personalized, etc.)
- Who will write the vows?
- If you'll be writing your own vows, when will the vows be finished?



THE PRONOUNCEMENT & FIRST KISS

- How do you wish to be pronounced married and introduced to your loved ones before you head back down the aisle together?
- Would you like to kiss after being pronounced married?
- If so, how would you like this to look/sound?
- Would you prefer that I (the officiant) Stay Behind or Head Out after declaring you married?



ATTIRE

- What will you be wearing for your ceremony? (Formal, casual, etc.)
- What would you like me (the officiant) to wear?

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NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS

Please list the names of everyone in the wedding ceremony and all other participants, so that I may address them properly and incorporate them in the script:



REHEARSAL

Will there be a scheduled rehearsal?

If so -

Date:

Time:

Location (Address):

Fees:



WEDDING VENDORS

DJ

Photographer

Wedding Planner/Coordinator

- If there's a planner or coordinator, will they be facilitating any part of the ceremony?

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YOUR PARTNER AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP

- What was your first impression of _____?
- What attracted you to your partner?
- How would you describe your relationship?
- Are you more alike or opposites attract?
- How do you describe your partner to people who are hearing about them for the first time?
- How did you get engaged?
- What makes you smile when you think about your partner?
- How do you make your partner laugh?
- How do they make you laugh?
- What is your partner's favorite habit or trait?
- What does marriage mean to you?
- What do family and community mean to you?
- What events have defined and strengthened your relationship?
- What values do you share together?
- What is your vision for the future?
- What are you most looking forward to about your life together?
- What do you see when you think about your longer-term future together?
- Do you have a favorite song or movie together?
- Where do you think life is leading you?
- What are you looking forward to most about married life?
- Do you share a favorite quote, poem, song, or passage?