



# CHECKLIST FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY



## PLANNING

First things first



We are clear about our objectives for this ceremony

We have identified:

- About whom?** Couple
- By whom?** The couple are responsible for **crafting/presiding/organizing**
- With whom?** (who participates/*is invited*)
- What?** **Wedding ceremony**
- When?** A fitting **date/time/duration** for the event
- Where?** A suitable **place/setting/venue**

### COMMUNICATION AND CONTINGENCY

- We have contacted or invited all (see 'With whom?') noted above
- Participants have approved their roles
- If there is disagreement about how to proceed we know who makes the final decision
- We have contingency plans for with **Whom, When and Where**

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## CREATING

Making sense (couple)



We, the craftspeople, are agreed on:

- Why and how** we are ritualizing our union
- What is at the **HEART** ♥ of this ceremony
- The **key values, ideals or philosophy of life** we wish to transmit or convey
- Decisions confirmed** (Who, What, When, Where)
- If there is disagreement, we have discussed the issues

### CONTENT

- Words** ♥ **Our vow + texts**
- Music**
- Gestures/symbols/objects**

### FORMAT

- Entry** into ceremonial space
- Welcome**
- Heart** ♥ **Our vow + texts**
- Closing/exit** ceremonial space > transition
- Social gathering**

**Choreography/scenography** check for visual participation from all seats

**Reminder list**

**We have walked through** the ceremony and checked for flow and choreography

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## REALIZING

Expressing meaning



**Prepare setting** (couple/presider/organizer)

**Open ceremony** (presider)

**Ritualizing** (Content + Format)  
♦ Conduct (presider) ♦ Participate (all)

**Close ceremony** (presider)

**Open social part of event** (organizer)

**Social gathering** (all)

**Close event and clean up** (organizer)

### DURATION OF EVENT (suggested)

**Ceremony** (20–40 minutes)

**Social gathering** (2–6 hours)

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