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Now you're probably thinking 'why do I need to do things to get better wedding photos?' surely that's why you hire a professional photographer right?

Yes of course, you should book an amazing photographer, but there are things in your hands that will make your photos look so much better.

At Jeff Oliver Photography we believe you should have the wedding photos of your dreams.

No one should have bad wedding photos!

It's important that you get the photos you want, but at the same time enjoy your wedding day, that's why we work with you before hand to find out what's important to you.

We hope you enjoy these top tips and that you will find them helpful.





1. Tidy Room

Starting at the beginning of the day at your bridal preparations – Keep the room tidy!

Trust us, this will make your photos look much so much better, especially in the area where you're getting your dress done up.

Keep bags all in one place, not everywhere.

Get your bridesmaids to help tidy up before everyone gets into their dresses. Glasses no plastic bottles!

You don't want to be saying "I love that photo of me and my mum, but wish there wasn't that orange Sainsbury's bag on the floor" (other supermarkets are available).

Bonus bridal prep tip: There will be photos of you and the maids before you have your dress on. What will look better, matching dressing gowns, or mismatched outfits? (You know if you leave it to chance you'll have a bridesmaid in a One Direction Onesie!)





2. Two photographers

Imagine seeing yourself walk down the aisle and you see each other for the first time. It's a big moment. And you know what it's like with all big moments, after the event you can't quite remember every single detail. This is where having amazing photos to look back on comes in.

With two photographers you get that first look between the two of you captured, one from the top and one from the bottom of the aisle.

Make sure you leave space between you and your bridesmaids before you start walking to give your photographer a clear shot of you.

3. Unplugged Ceremony

Now imagine, the two of you are at the top of the aisle, you both look amazing, your photographer captures that once in a lifetime shot as you have your first kiss. You look back at your photos to see your guest's reactions and faces, but instead all you can see is a sea of iPhones.

With pretty much everyone owning a smartphone these days, Unplugged ceremonies are becoming more and more popular.

Just for that part of the day only, you can ask your guests either with a sign outside the ceremony, or asking the registrar to make an announcement before your ceremony starts to be there in person and not take photos.





4 . F l o w e r s

Keep them low! When you and your bridesmaids hold your bouquets, they should sit nice and low.

The tendency is to always bend your arm and hold your flowers in front of your chest (look in photos and you will see this).

You don't want it up under your chin hiding all that beautiful dress, so much should you extend your arms down so that only have a very slight bend and the flowers sit in front of your tummy.



5. M o b i l e p h o n e s

Not the guests this time, but the Groom! Remember to take your mobile phone/keys/ cigarettes/vape out of your trouser pocket.

You're looking the height of sartorial elegance in your tailored suit, only to have those lines ruined by bulges in the wrong places!



6. Confetti

If your venue allows confetti and you want a great confetti photo, supply your own confetti.

You can match your colour scheme and make sure you get a good display.

If you rely on guests to bring it you might have a few boxes to spread between everyone and that won't produce nearly a good enough display!





7. Group photos

No one wants to be standing in line for their whole drinks reception smiling for endless group photos, but you do want to make sure you have those all important family photos.

So, make a list to give to your photographer before the wedding day so you know you will get the photos you want in as fast a time as possible.

Try to keep the list reasonable small, more than 15 group photos is going to start to eat into your day and the time you get to spend with your guests.



8. Pre-wedding photoshoot



Having a pre-wedding photo shoot will really help you get better wedding photos. The reason for this is you will get chance to build a rapport with your photographer before your wedding day, you'll have chance to practice being in front of the camera.

Both of these things will help you be more relaxed on your wedding day, and the more relaxed you are, the better and more nature your wedding photos will look.



It's always good to get those nerves out of the way before your wedding day. Lots of our couple tie their pre-wedding shoot in with their hair and make-up trial and also make a day of it by going for lunch or drinks after.

It's a fun experience and you get some great photos of the two of you (or 3 of you if you want to include your furbaby).

9. Posing



Posing - yes, it's often a dirty word and we have lots of couples say to us that they don't like posing and love our photos because they are so natural.

But I'm going to let you into a little secret.....there is a certain amount of posing that goes into making those photos look so natural.



If we waited for natural moments to happen at a wedding they might happen, (they might not), with a not so pretty background. So, we like to “help” the natural moments happen.

We stand you in a place with a gorgeous backdrop or in amazing light, and then it's time to “create a natural



Our two top posing tips are:

If it bends – bend it!

Don't stand with your weight evenly distributed on both feet, shift the weight to one leg for a more relaxed stance.



We'll often give you something to lend on, as straight away this helps you find a comfortable and natural pose.

The biggest thing you can do it to just relax without worrying about the camera and enjoy spending a little time together.



10. Relax and Enjoy yourselves

Sounds obvious doesn't it?

It's easy to get carried away trying to make sure everything is going to plan.

That is why you use the best suppliers, they know how to do their jobs so you can get on with enjoying yourself.





11. Bonus tip!

Have a chat with us and we'll work with you to give you amazing photos that you will cherish forever!

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What our couples say



J o s h & A s h

Simple the best wedding photographers!

Our day wouldn't have been the same without them and the quality of the shots we have received are incredible.

An absolute 10/10 service from start to finish.

My advice would be...book them asap while they are still available!



M a r t h a & C h r i s

I cannot recommend Jeff and Sarah highly enough.

They took stunning photos, were brilliant to work with and so easy to communicate with.

We adore our photos and were so grateful for the advice and direction they gave us throughout.



D e n i s e & S t e v e n

We cannot begin to explain the stunning shots that Jeff and Sarah captured on our big day. The photos tell a really beautiful story from morning until the first dance.

Jeff and Sarah are the nicest people you'll ever meet & genuinely want the best for you on your big day.



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ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!

Jeff & Sarah are such lovely people! We can not recommend them enough!

We love every photo and fell like we just relived our whole day!

Every photograph is fabulous!



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