
Photo Slideshow Preparation

Purpose: If you're putting together a photo slideshow montage and need some advice on how to decide how many photos you need and how long to hold each photo for and how long the final video will end up being...this is the resource for you! A perfect guide to get you thinking, no matter what your decision ends up being!

Directions:

1. Brainstorm your ideas for your photo slideshow by filling in **The Overview**. Decide what is important and count up who has how many photos of what.
2. Use our super helpful chart called **Sample Slideshow Length** to decide how long you want your video to be based on how many photos you have and how long you want to hold each photo for.
 1. Our personal recommendation is to shoot for somewhere between Option 6 and 7, as 3 seconds is a great amount of time for each photo - not too short and not too long, but allows plenty of photos to get shown without being too long for your guests.
 2. Remember, the final decision is yours...this is just a guide!
3. Now after looking at everything with a more educated guess write down your final decision. This may fluctuate A LITTLE from the final slideshow video, but this is your ballpark you want to aim for.
 1. If you end up with 233 photos instead of 230 great
 2. If you end up with 233 instead of 180...not so great. Time to cut some more!

The Overview

What's Important?

Rank each line in order of importance 1-4

_____ I want to include a certain number of photos per bride/groom

_____ I want to include a certain number of total photos

_____ I want the slideshow to be a certain minute length

_____ I want to hold each photo for a certain number of seconds

The Groom

The groom is _____ years old

How many photos per era do you need/have/want?

Baby _____ Childhood _____ Teenage _____ Young adult _____

Total Groom Photos _____

The Bride

The bride is _____ years old

How many photos per era do you need/have/want?

Baby _____ Childhood _____ Teenage _____ Young adult _____

Total Bride Photos _____

The Couple

How many photos per era do you need/have/want?

Dating _____ Engaged _____

Total Couple Photos _____

(Add Groom + Bride + Couple) **GRAND TOTAL PHOTOS** _____

Sample Slideshow Length

Groom: How many photos of the groom

Bride: How many photos of the bride

Couple: How many photos of the bride and groom together

Total: Total number of photos of groom, bride, and couple all together

Seconds: How many seconds each photo will hold

Minutes: How long the final slideshow video will be

Option	Groom	Bride	Couple	Total	Seconds	Minutes
1	25	25	25	75	2	2 1/2
2	50	50	50	150	2	5
3	75	75	75	225	2	7 1/2
4	100	100	100	300	2	10
5	25	25	25	75	3	4
6	50	50	50	150	3	7 1/2
7	75	75	75	225	3	11 1/2
8	100	100	100	300	3	15
9	25	25	25	75	4	5
10	50	50	50	150	4	10
11	75	75	75	225	4	15
12	100	100	100	300	4	20
13	25	25	25	75	5	6 1/2
14	50	50	50	150	5	12 1/2
15	75	75	75	225	5	19
16	100	100	100	300	5	25

The Final Decision

Based on what I'm pretty sure I want, I'll need

_____ **photos of the Groom AND**

_____ **photos of the Bride AND**

_____ **photos of the Couple** which will make a total of

_____ **photos all together, AND**

if I hold each photo for _____ seconds THEN

my slideshow video will be about _____ minutes long.