

Questions to get you started thinking about your "Just the Basics" wedding ceremony:

What's the tone you want to set for your ceremony? Casual? Formal? Solemn? Playful? Intense? Lighthearted? Spiritual? Secular?

Is there a particular faith background that is important to you? Are there references you'd like to make to this, or pieces of that faith's wedding ceremonies you want to include?

Are there aspects of a traditional wedding ceremony that are important to you?

Are there aspects of traditional wedding ceremonies you want nothing to do with?

Who do you want to actively include in the ceremony? Parents? Grandparents? Children? Readers? Family? Friends?

Is there anyone who cannot attend that you want to honor? How would you like to do this?

Do you want audience participation in your ceremony in any way?

Do you want to recite specific vows, or write your own? Which are you each most comfortable with?

Will you be exchanging rings?

Do you plan to kiss?

How would you like to be pronounced? Husband and wife? Partners in life/love? Something else?

Do you want to be announced to your guests as a married couple? How would you like this announced? Mr./Mrs. and Mr./Mrs. {single name}? Mr./Mrs. {name} and Mr./Mrs. {Name}. "For the first time as husband/wife and husband/wife, Mr. {name} and Mrs. {name}"