

Wedding Shoots

Using Pinterest for Inspiration

Lock the couple and wardrobe. Change the scene with intention.

THE WORKFLOW

REAL REFERENCE > APPROVED MASTER
PINTEREST INSPIRATION > CONTROLLED VARIATION

A practical companion for building prompts, reviewing images and keeping a consistent series. Includes reusable templates and worked practice briefs.

One master. Many possibilities.

Build a consistent wedding portrait collection using Pinterest for scene, pose and lighting ideas.

01 / Gather the real reference

Start with the photograph of the actual home, room or person. This is the source of truth for what must stay recognisable.

02 / Build the master

Tell the assistant your goal, reference roles and non-negotiables. Ask it to write one complete master prompt, with clearly named variable sections.

03 / Test and approve

Generate a first image in your chosen image tool. Compare it with the real reference. Correct drift before approving the master text and a baseline image.

04 / Add Pinterest inspiration

Upload the inspiration image into the conversation. State exactly what you like about it. A pin supplies selected visual ideas; it does not replace the real reference.

05 / Build a variation

Ask for a short list of proposed changes first. Approve that list, then request a complete standalone prompt that repeats the locks and changes only the approved sections.

06 / Generate, inspect, save

Run the variation with the same reference order. Inspect the actual result, make targeted corrections and save the prompt with the image you approved.

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Give every image one job.

Attach the actual image where the tool can see it. A saved link or filename alone is not a visual reference.

Image 1 / Couple identity

The authority for the two named adults, their faces, age, complexion and body proportions. State who is who.

Images 2-3 / Wardrobe and jewellery

Separate outfit and ring references. Each controls only its assigned clothing or jewellery details.

Image 4 onward / Pinterest

Assign scene, pose, lighting or framing. Exclude the pin models, their outfits, extra guests and unrelated details.

Give each person a clear identity

Use a reference where both faces are clear, or explicitly map separate identity images to each person. Do not rely on filenames alone.

Record the outfit precisely

Name dress cut, lace, sleeves and train; suit colour, shirt, tie and shoes. Give rings their own description when they must remain exact.

Read the pin selectively

Explain whether you like the embrace, garden, light or composition. A beautiful pin often combines details you do not actually want.

Start with what must stay.

Fill the bracketed fields and remove any optional reference you are not using. Keep image numbering consistent.

ASK YOUR PROMPT ASSISTANT

Help me build a master prompt for this project. Use my real reference as the source of truth. Separate LOCKED DETAILS from VARIABLE SECTIONS. Ask only about missing details that would change the result. Return one complete prompt ready for my image tool, plus a short baseline review checklist.

MASTER PROMPT TEMPLATE

Create a photorealistic wedding portrait concept of the couple from Image 1. Keep exactly the two named adults from Image 1: [Person A] and [Person B]. Preserve each face, age, complexion, hair, body proportions and relative height. Do not substitute, beautify or merge faces. Preserve the approved clothing, shoes, bouquet and jewellery, including ring design and placement. Do not add guests or duplicate people. Image 2 controls [Person A]'s wardrobe only: [details]. Image 3 controls [Person B]'s wardrobe and approved jewellery only: [details; separate references if needed]. Baseline setting: [setting]. Pose: [simple natural couple pose]. Hands: [clear placement]. Light: [direction and softness]. Framing: [crop and camera position]. Retain natural skin texture, realistic fabric, believable anatomy and consistent perspective. Future Pinterest images control only their explicitly assigned variable sections. Do not import their people, clothing, rings or extra guests. No text, logos, watermarks or duplicated limbs. Output one [aspect ratio] portrait. Inspect the actual result against the identity and wardrobe references before approval.

The editable companion file includes this template for easy copying. Image tools do not guarantee exact preservation: approve the rendered baseline, not just the wording.

Make the master dependable.

Generate one simple baseline before adding a collection of inspiration images.

- ☐ Both identities match their assigned references.
- ☐ Relative height and body proportions remain consistent.
- ☐ Outfits, bouquet and ring placements match the agreed details.
- ☐ There are exactly two people with plausible hands and limbs.
- ☐ The approved baseline is saved before scene variations begin.

KEEP A SMALL APPROVAL RECORD

Master: M01
Original reference: [filename]
Approved baseline: [filename]
Locked details: [short list]
Allowed variables: Setting; couple pose; hand placement; light; camera distance; framing; approved veil or train arrangement.
Decision: approved / revise

Start with a simple couple image

Approve a straightforward baseline before complex embraces, moving fabric or groups. Group portraits need an explicit new people list and count.

When a master changes

If a locked detail genuinely needs to change, create M02 deliberately and test it. Do not overwrite M01 with an experimental variation.

PINTEREST TO PROMPT / READ THE INSPIRATION

Turn a pin into variables.

Upload one useful pin first. Tell the assistant what you like, then review its interpretation before requesting the final prompt.

COPY INTO THE CONVERSATION

I am uploading a Pinterest inspiration image as Image [number]. Treat it as inspiration only. My approved master is pasted below. First describe the visible qualities that are relevant to this project. Separate them into: KEEP FROM MASTER, PROPOSED VARIABLES, DO NOT COPY and UNCERTAIN. For each proposed variable, name the visual evidence in the pin and explain which master section would change. Do not guess hidden details. Do not change locked details. Wait for my approval of the variable list. Once approved, return one complete standalone generation prompt containing the unchanged locks, the exact reference-role map and the approved variables. Do not return only a short add-on. MASTER: [paste approved master]. WHAT I LIKE: [describe the specific details]. WHAT I DO NOT WANT: [list exclusions].

VARIABLES THAT SUIT THIS GUIDE

Setting; couple pose; hand placement; light; camera distance; framing; approved veil or train arrangement.

Use several pins without mixing their roles

Number every upload and assign one job to each. For conflicting directions, choose one or make separate variations.

Keep the source with the decision

Save the pin link or original creator link with your notes. Record exactly what you borrowed. Follow the image tool's upload requirements; avoid sharing unrelated personal details in screenshots.

PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

A sense of place.

Select visual ideas from these supplied images. Keep your own identity references and approved wedding styling in control of every new prompt.



MOUNTAIN STILLNESS

A full-length embrace sits against a misty lake and layered mountains. The landscape gives the portrait a quiet, spacious mood.

Borrow the setting and soft light. Keep both identities, their relative heights and approved wedding outfits consistent.



ROOM FOR THE LANDSCAPE

A wide frame balances the couple with reflected mountains and a gentle forehead touch.

Select the wider composition and interaction separately. Leave space for the gown and preserve two distinct, recognisable faces.

Ask: "Extract only my selected pose, setting or lighting ideas. Keep each identity, the agreed people count and approved outfits locked. Show the variables before writing the full prompt."

PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Make the outfit yours.

Select visual ideas from these supplied images. Keep your own identity references and approved wedding styling in control of every new prompt.



BLACK LACE & BLUE HILLS

The black gown and suit form a strong silhouette against cool mountain layers. A full-length frame reveals the train.

Keep the chosen gown colour, lace, sleeves and silhouette explicit. Wedding styling does not need to default to white.



A CLOSER PERSPECTIVE

A closer landscape composition brings the embrace forward while retaining the mountain setting.

Choose the crop deliberately. Keep clothing and identity references fixed when comparing framing options.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Coastal light, two moods.

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RELAXED & JOYFUL

Bare feet, shared laughter and a lifted hem give this beach portrait an easy sense of movement.

Request a natural interaction. Specify hands and carried objects clearly, then check fingers, feet and fabric contact.



A CLASSIC FULL-LENGTH PORTRAIT

A calm stance, turquoise water and open sand give the gown, veil and suit room to read.

Borrow the palette and spacious framing. Preserve approved personal details, including tattoos and jewellery, unless a change is requested.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Country character.

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A SEATED MOMENT

An antique sofa, timber barn and gentle kiss create a relaxed country wedding scene.

Specify who sits where and how their hands rest. Retain glasses, hat, boots and approved clothing details.



UNDER THE GUM TREES

Warm light, textured trunks and a flowing lace train frame a standing kiss.

Borrow the location mood and backlight. Check facial contact, relative height and the way the train meets the ground.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Romance in the city.

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WARM STRING LIGHTS

Brick walls and overhead lights lead the eye towards the couple and their full-length outfits.

Choose the architecture and warm light as scene variables. Keep the couple, bouquet and garment details consistent.



EVENING STREET LIGHT

A city background and softly blurred lights add depth behind a shared gaze.

Ask for a staged portrait composition with clear space around the couple. Check believable scale and matching light on both faces.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Choose a story for the scene.

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A GARDEN WALK

A rose-lined path, joined hands and moving fabric bring a gentle sense of motion.

Specify a small, natural step and approved fabric movement. Check hand contact, feet and bouquet structure.



HERITAGE ATMOSPHERE

A steam train, old platform and warm light create a distinctive vintage setting.

Borrow the setting only if it suits the brief. Treat the image as creative inspiration, without claiming it records an actual venue or event.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Include the people who matter.

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A THREE-PERSON PORTRAIT

Three people stand close together, with bouquets and a decorative gate framing the group.

For this composition, explicitly change the two-person template to three named reference identities. Preserve each face and the exact people count.



GETTING READY TOGETHER

A quiet sleeve adjustment by the window makes a small shared action the focus.

Provide a reference for each person and describe their roles in the pose. Check hands, sleeve contact and natural window light.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

The quieter details.

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A BRIDAL PORTRAIT

Soft indoor light, a mirror and a perfume bottle create a gentle getting-ready portrait.

Use a one-person prompt for a solo portrait. Keep facial character, hair, jewellery and gown details tied to the approved reference.



FRAMED BY THE VEIL

A translucent veil surrounds a close interaction while the faces remain the focal point.

Request visible, distinct faces and believable fabric transparency. Inspect noses, hands and the veil edges carefully.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

A woodland celebration.

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COLOUR & CEREMONY

Green and gold gowns, a floral arch and lanterns create a richly layered woodland scene.

Describe each person and each gown separately. Keep the selected colours and embellishments consistent without swapping details.



CLOSER TO THE CONNECTION

A tighter full-length view centres the joined hands and shared expression beneath the arch.

Borrow the framing and interaction. Preserve both identities and body proportions, with room for the full gown silhouettes.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Connection before posing.

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A CLOSE EMBRACE

A rustic fence and soft evening light support a close portrait with layered hands and a gentle lean.

Map whose arms and hands are visible. Preserve glasses, rings and each face while checking every contact point.



A PLAYFUL SETTING

Shared laughter on a vintage pickup tailgate creates a relaxed portrait with flowers and country texture.

Choose the vehicle and pose intentionally. Check seated anatomy, foot placement and believable support beneath both people.

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PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR SUPPLIED INSPIRATION

Finish with movement.

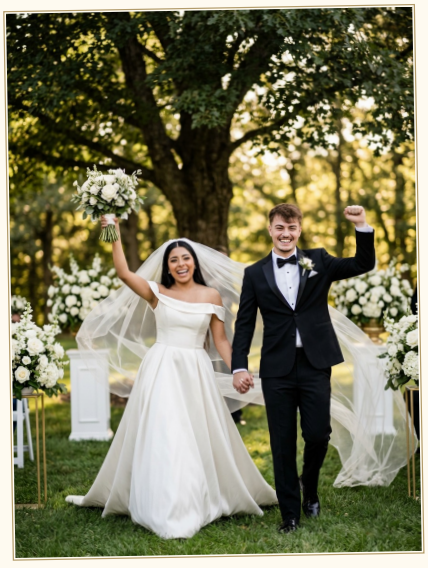
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WALKING INTO THE LIGHT

Golden grasses and a trailing veil add movement to a full-length hand-in-hand portrait.

Request a comfortable walking step, consistent outfits and natural fabric motion. Keep both faces recognisable.



A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Raised arms, a bouquet and an open garden aisle create an energetic closing image.

Specify the gesture for each person. Check raised hands, joined hands and the bouquet, and keep the agreed people count.

Ask: "Extract only my selected pose, setting or lighting ideas. Keep each identity, the agreed people count and approved outfits locked. Show the variables before writing the full prompt."

Quiet garden embrace

A hypothetical Pinterest description, followed by a complete prompt template. Fill the bracketed personal details before use.

WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT THE PIN

The hypothetical pin shows a soft garden, a gentle temple-to-temple pose and a loose editorial crop.

COMPLETE VARIATION PROMPT

Create a photorealistic wedding portrait of [Person A] and [Person B] from Image 1. Image 2 controls only [Person A] wardrobe: [details]. Image 3 controls only [Person B] wardrobe and jewellery: [details].

Keep exactly the two named adults from Image 1: [Person A] and [Person B]. Preserve each face, age, complexion, hair, body proportions and relative height. Do not substitute, beautify or merge faces. Preserve the approved clothing, shoes, bouquet and jewellery, including ring design and placement. Do not add guests or duplicate people.

Image 4 controls pose and garden setting only. Do not borrow unrelated details from the inspiration images.

Place the approved couple in a quiet garden with softly blurred greenery. Use a gentle temple-to-temple pose, relaxed expressions and clear natural hand placement. Keep both faces visible in a waist-up frame. Preserve their exact identities, clothing, bouquet and jewellery.

Render realistic textures, natural light and physically plausible perspective. No invented people, distorted anatomy or geometry, text, interface elements or watermarks. Output one [aspect ratio] image. This is a new variation of the approved concept; inspect it against the original references before approval.

The worked Pinterest descriptions in this guide are hypothetical practice briefs. No actual pins were supplied for these examples, and no generated outcomes are presented as validated results.

Rustic barn at golden hour

A hypothetical Pinterest description, followed by a complete prompt template. Fill the bracketed personal details before use.

WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT THE PIN

The hypothetical pin shows weathered timber and warm side light. You want the same couple in a rural setting without a wardrobe swap.

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Image 4 controls setting; Image 5 controls light direction only. Do not borrow unrelated details from the inspiration images.

Use a rustic timber barn background with warm diffused late-afternoon side light. Pose the same couple standing close together with a relaxed embrace and clearly visible faces. Keep the approved outfits, shoes and rings. Do not add cowboy hats, boots, vehicles, guests or unrelated props.

Render realistic textures, natural light and physically plausible perspective. No invented people, distorted anatomy or geometry, text, interface elements or watermarks. Output one [aspect ratio] image. This is a new variation of the approved concept; inspect it against the original references before approval.

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Explore without losing the thread.

A scene variation is a child of the approved master. It does not become the next master by default.

ASK FOR A SMALL, CONTROLLED SET

Keep MASTER [version] unchanged. Create three proposed variations from the uploaded inspiration images, with one clear visual idea per variation. For each, list its reference image, changes, locks and potential conflicts. Do not merge contradictory pins. Wait for my selections. Then write each selected variation as a complete standalone prompt with all locks and reference roles repeated. Label them A, B and C. Do not let a later variation silently become the new master.

A / Start with one change

Take the first approved variable and test it on its own. Keep the same reference order and baseline locks.

B / Change a different section

Return to the same approved master and try another variable. Compare the results against the original, not just against each other.

C / Combine only approved ideas

Combine two successful variables when they are compatible. If the combined result drifts, return to the simpler version.

SAVE A MATCHED SET

M01_master.txt + original reference files
M01_A_prompt.txt + M01_A_result.png
M01_B_prompt.txt + M01_B_result.png
M01_C_prompt.txt + M01_C_result.png
Keep pin links, rejected details and approval notes beside the files.

Change only what failed.

Name a visible defect and the approved details that must stay. A broad rewrite can introduce new problems.

The pin includes a bridal party

Borrow composition or lighting only. Keep exactly the two approved people unless a new group brief is provided.

The pin changes the suit or dress

Keep the wardrobe locks. Describe pose and scene separately from the pin model's clothes.

The scene works but faces drift

Return to the original identity references. Repair identity specifically; do not rewrite the entire master or promote the drifting result.

TARGETED CORRECTION TEMPLATE

Use the approved image [filename] as the edit base. Correct only [specific defect and location]. Preserve all other approved details, the composition and the existing reference-role map. The required correction is [observable result]. Do not redesign unrelated areas. If a local edit is supported, confine the change to [region]. Return one precise correction prompt, then tell me what to inspect in the resulting image.

If repeated attempts change locked details, stop promoting those results. Return to the original references, simplify the scene or use a controlled local editing workflow.

PINTEREST TO PROMPT / YOUR NEXT IMAGE

Prepare. Generate. Inspect.

Complete this small brief before starting the next variation, then check the actual image before saving it as approved.

IDENTITY MAP: PERSON A AND PERSON B

OUTFIT AND JEWELLERY REFERENCES BY IMAGE NUMBER

APPROVED BASELINE SCENE AND POSE

PINTEREST SCENE, POSE AND LIGHT ROLES

DETAILS EXCLUDED FROM EACH INSPIRATION IMAGE

MASTER VERSION AND APPROVED RESULT FILENAME

FINAL IMAGE CHECK

- ☐ Compare both faces with their original references.
- ☐ Confirm exactly two people and the intended pose.
- ☐ Check rings, fingers, hands and overlapping arms.
- ☐ Check suit, dress, veil, bouquet and shoes for drift.
- ☐ Check relative height, perspective and contact shadows.
- ☐ Inspect faces at full size before approving the collection.

Build the master once.

Use inspiration to direct a variation, then inspect what the image tool actually made.

YOUR REPEATABLE ROUTINE

Choose the real reference.
Write and test the master.
Approve what must stay.
Upload a focused inspiration image.
Approve the variable list.
Paste a complete standalone prompt.
Inspect, correct and save the result.

The pin sets the direction.
Your approved reference keeps the project yours.

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