**Wedding Vows Writing Checklist**

**Find Inspiration**

\_\_ Write down memories from the beginning of your relationship.

\_\_ Examine the significance of items given or exchanged.

\_\_\_ Watch YouTube videos of wedding vows to get an idea of length and feeling.

\_\_\_ Gather quotes and poems from Pinterest, the web, and books.

\_\_\_ Spend a week taking notes each time your partner does something you appreciate.

**Get the Basics**

\_\_\_ Ensure your officiant and place of ceremony allow for personal vows.

\_\_\_ Find what religious notations, if any, you and your partner are comfortable with.

\_\_\_ Talk with your partner about what you want shared (or not shared), the length of the vows, and if you want approval beforehand.

**Get Writing**

\_\_\_ Create bullet points for thoughts you definitely want included in your vows.

\_\_\_ Set a word limit so you don’t write too much or too little.

\_\_\_ Be personal. Search the web for most common vows, and avoid the cliché ones.

\_\_\_ Write a few drafts of your vows until you feel satisfied with a version.

**Finalize Everything**

\_\_\_ Get a few trusted friends to read your vows and give their feedback. Make changes if needed.

\_\_\_ Read your vows out loud to make sure it flows.

\_\_\_ Memorize like crazy. Read them to yourself in the mirror. Practice without the notes.

\_\_\_ Keep a copy of the vows with your Maid of Honor or Best Man, just in case.