

Think Outside Of The Wedding Favor Box

Most couples plan to thank guests for attending their weddings by issuing favors at the end of the festivities. Being creative and tying the favor into the theme of the wedding are creative ways to show you care.

Wedding favors can be anything the couple desires. Throughout the years there have been some favor standards that many couples fall back on when they're short on ideas. Matchbooks printed with the wedding date, Jordan almonds wrapped in tulle, drink stirrers, and candles are all classic favor options. If you desire something unique, consider these options.

* Candy: Skip the almonds and go for something guests are sure to enjoy ... chocolate. Custom engrave chocolate bars to feature your wedding date information and your names. Or how about setting up a candy bar where guests can fill up their own goodie bags with favorite treats?

* Useful tools: Instead of the drink stirrers or coaster sets that will end up collecting dust, think about household items guests can really use. What about an ice cream scooper so memories of your wedding will always be sweet? Who doesn't love to barbecue? A barbecue sauce basting set will be a grill-side must. Depending on budget, you also can choose ice buckets, an engraved napkin holder or a picnic basket filled with picnic essentials.

* Plants: Send guests home with something they can plant, whether flower seeds, seedlings or a small houseplant. As your love grows, so will the plants in every guest's home.

* Fun ideas: Having a beach wedding? Custom-print labels for lip balm or sunscreen. Winter brides and grooms may add a tag to earmuffs or scarves that give the wedding date details. If you love a particular musical artist, give guests a CD with favorite songs.

* Let them eat cake: Inquire whether your baker can make miniature wedding cakes in the likeness of your larger one. Then everyone can take home a replica.

* Personalized photo: One of the easiest ways for guests to remember your wedding is to have a photo reminder. Engraved frames with a photo of the happy couple will be classic gifts.

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