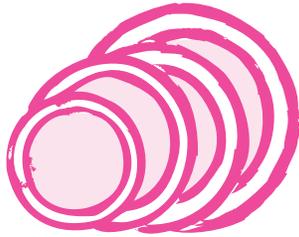


Bridal Registry

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE



With a well planned bridal registry, your wedding wish list can come true. Establishing your bridal registry early on will ensure more of what you want, and less of what you don't want. To give everyone ample time for shopping, it is best to register as soon as possible after your engagement.

- **Make an appointment** with the store's bridal registry consultant, who will go over your gift requirements and help coordinate patterns, as well as make helpful gift suggestions. This can make registering a much more organized and enjoyable experience.
- **Don't try registering for everything in a day.** Try choosing tabletop items such as crystal, china and silver on one visit. Domestic items such as sheets, towels and linens register on your second visit, and save kitchen items such as cookware and small appliances for your third visit.

GETTING STARTED

- **Make a list** of items that you intend to register for before visiting stores (view our list at the end of this chapter for things you may need)
- **Determine your style.** Is your style more romantic and frilly, or is it more minimalist? Traditional or sleek and modern? These are things you need to decide before registering, so that you have items that will flow together, instead of mismatched items.
- **Include a broad range of choices and prices** so that all your guests will be able to purchase a gift they feel comfortable giving.
- **Check the stores shipping and return policies.** You don't want to get stuck with two or three of the same item so make sure you look into this before you register.
- **Register for what you need.** Registries are not just for china and kitchenware. Today's couple can register for anything from hardware to luggage, stereo equipment to computers.
- **Register at more than one store.** This will guarantee a variety of items and brands.



GETTING THE WORD OUT

It is inappropriate to include your registry information on or with your wedding invitations, as it implies that a gift is required for attendance.

- **How does the soon-to-be-wedded couple get the word out?** Word of mouth and the Internet. Your family, maid-of-honor and bridesmaids are invaluable assets in getting this information out to guests.
- **Create a wedding website.** Many websites offer custom bride and groom pages that allow you to post your registry locations online. You can then include a small printed card with your wedding website address telling guests that this will allow them to view details about the wedding celebration.
- **Bridal shower invitations.** Depending on what etiquette book you read, having the host of your bridal shower include registry in the bridal shower invitations is acceptable.

COMPUTER REGISTRY

- **Ask how long your registry list will be kept in the store's computer database.** Many retailers have a set length of time that they will keep your registry, sometimes up to two years. This feature simplifies gift giving for family and friends that will be buying you birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts over the next year or so.
- **Many retailers computerized registries keep track of who purchased what item for you.** This makes it easier come thank-you note time to keep track of what you received and from whom.
- **These same retailers may also offer discounts** on the remaining non-purchased portions of your selected gifts, making it easier to complete your registry.
- **Get a copy of your registry form** before leaving the store and go over it with your consultant to make sure there are no mistakes.
- **On-line registries make it easier for out-of-town guests** to order a gift and have it shipped directly to you.



REGISTRY LIST

Formal Entertaining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fine china <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal stemware <input type="checkbox"/> Sterling/silverplated flatware <input type="checkbox"/> Fine table linens (tablecloths, placemats, napkins) <input type="checkbox"/> Bar accessories 	Kitchen Cookware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Stainless Steel Pots & Pans <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring Cups/Spoons <input type="checkbox"/> Mixing Bowls <input type="checkbox"/> Serving and cooking utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Baking sheets/pans 	Bathroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towels/ bath sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Hand towels <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths <input type="checkbox"/> Bath mat <input type="checkbox"/> Bathrobes <input type="checkbox"/> Shower curtain and liner <input type="checkbox"/> Wastebasket <input type="checkbox"/> Hamper
Domestic Dining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday china <input type="checkbox"/> Stainless steel flatware <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday glassware/ stemware <input type="checkbox"/> Cutlery <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor barbecue accessories <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen towels <input type="checkbox"/> Serving Dishes <input type="checkbox"/> Casual table linens 	Bedroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress Pad <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow Shams/ Cases <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets <input type="checkbox"/> Duvet/ Down Comforter <input type="checkbox"/> Duvet Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Bedskirt 	Household Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Vases <input type="checkbox"/> Decorative accents <input type="checkbox"/> Serving trays <input type="checkbox"/> Picture frames <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage



INSURANCE

If you receive many gifts of notable worth, you may consider adding a rider on your home-insurance policy to cover all of your wedding treasures. The policy is fairly inexpensive and will be well worth the peace of mind it will bring.

Lastly, enjoy the bounty of your celebrated union. Don't stow your beautiful treasures away, begin using them now, creating a lifetime of memories and love to surround each cherished piece.