

## Leave a lasting impression on your guests

Attention, all brides-to-be: Add to your list of one hundred and one things to do to choose coordinating fragrances for you and your groom-to-be. If you have any doubt that choosing your wedding scent is as basic as choosing your colors, consider this:

"Fragrance above all other sensory stimuli has the power to stir emotions," says Karen Quinn, director of marketing services for Liz Claiborne Cosmetics. "Women especially have known its ability to intrigue and have been using it to their advantage for more than 5,000 years, but men have by no means been fragrance-free!" Quinn offers these historical examples of the romance of scent:

In 54 A.D., Nero, the Emperor of Rome, pledged his everlasting love to his late wife by burning more incense at her funeral than all of Arabia could produce in ten years.

In 1370, "Hungary Water" was created for septuagenarian Queen Elizabeth of Hungary, and the perfume made her so desirable that the much younger King of Poland sought her hand in marriage.

Napoleon's beloved Josephine bathed daily in rose water and brandy. When she traveled, she saturated the palace walls with her fragrance in hopes that her emperor would not forget her.

Such was the power of perfume that Puritan England passed a law in the 1700s that voided a marriage if a woman was judged to have seduced her husband through the use of fragrance!

Wealthy people even scented the sails of their honeymoon ships.

Fortunately, in modern times, our fragrance options are a lot simpler. Here are some tips from Liz Claiborne Cosmetics on how to use scent to maximum effect on your wedding day:

- When you choose floral arrangements for the altar, tables, and bouquets, think about their scent and not just their color. For instance, the smell of roses has a calming effect, something the nervous bride and bridegroom may need.

- Since fragrance evokes memories, add a new dimension to your reception by leaving potpourri sachet favors with

the guests as a lasting reminder of your wedding day.

- While you're talking about bridesmaids dresses and tuxedos, discuss and coordinate personal fragrance for the bride and groom as well as the bridal party. Quinn emphasizes the importance of choosing fragrances that do not clash. "An inspired way to choose the fragrances is to start with fragrances made by the same company," Quinn suggests. A great deal of research and time goes into the making of fragrance for both men and women, and generally fragrances from the same company are designed to complement each other.

- Use the power of fragrance to set

the ambience you'd like to create. For formal evening affairs choose a floral oriental for the women and a men's scent with rich woods and aromatic resins. For afternoon or outdoor weddings, clean fresh fragrances with notes of freesia and jasmine are ideal. For example, Liz Claiborne Fragrance contains fresh notes of freesia and jasmine, which are also found in the middle notes in the men's fragrance, Claiborne. This makes them an ideal blend.

- Make choosing an appropriate scent easy for your bridal party by giving fragrance as a gift to your bridal attendants and ushers.

## Chain saws join toasters on bridal registry list

Looking for an original gift for the bride and groom? How about a 21-year-old maid, his and hers BMWs, or winning lottery tickets?

These are just a few of the unusual items brides have registered for, according to a survey of department store bridal registries by Proctor-Silex.

Other unique bridal requests included shrubs, a toilet seat, a trip to Alaska, a chain saw and a canoe.

Don't cross traditional favorites off your list, however; the survey found that most registry items are much more practical. For instance, two-thirds of brides register for appliances.

Coffeemakers are the most-requested appliance, with mixers running a close second. Toasters and irons tie as the third most popular choice.

Bridal registrars said most brides rate the appliance's style above durability and affordability. In fact, two-thirds of respondents indicated the bride "never" considers price as a factor. Color, however, was ranked as very important.

Special features like automatic timing devices are also welcome, according to the survey.

Whether you're registering yourself or shopping for a bride-to-be, here are

some tips to consider when choosing appliances:

- Ease of use: Select appliances that are easy to operate and have conveniently located controls.

- Ease of cleaning: Pick easy-to-clean finishes like baked enamel over fingerprint-catchers like chrome.

- Space-savers: Consider compact appliances that take up less counter space.

- Favorite features: Select features that will make brides' favorite appliances even more useful. Some examples:

**Automatic Drip Coffeemakers** — Look for auto pause/serve, popular with busy young couples. It temporarily stops coffee flow during brewing to allow pouring of a quick first cup of coffee.

**Mixers** — Choose a compact, rechargeable cordless mixer to make quick work of mixing fruit juices and milkshakes, egg whites, whipping cream, sauces and light batters.

**Toasters** — Be sure to pick a toaster with wide slots — they're a necessity! For more versatility, Proctor-Silex extra wide slot toasters feature self-adjusting bread guides which hold any size slice upright, from thick bagels to skinny diet bread slices.



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