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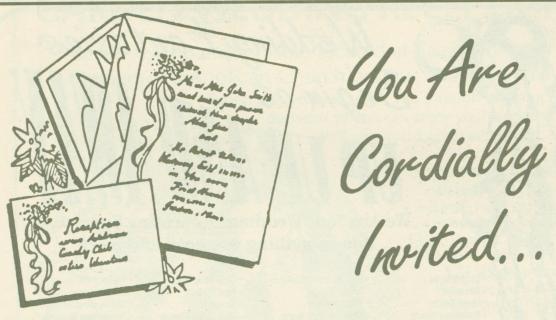
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## Taking the guess work out of wedding gifts

her wedding gifts. Although she tion as space allows. had carefully registered for the Instead, Josie received eight vases, guests on limited budgets. five picture frames, three sugarand-creamer sets, and only one- crystal, silver, linen, and houseand-a-half place settings. She had hoped to begin entertaining friends at home right away, but all her free and grooms - but consider registertime after the wedding was spent ing for furniture, sports and campreturning unwanted gifts and hag- ing equipment, gardening tools, gling with salespeople.

The bridal registry will take the guesswork out of wedding gifts, but only if it's used correctly by the couple and their guests. Here, from Bride's magazine, are twelve golden rules for smooth and successful registering:

1. Register three to six months before the wedding. If you register earlier, some seasonal patterns and promotional items may be out of season by your wedding day.

2. Visit the store during off hours, to examine patterns and consider choices in a relaxed and tranquil environment.

time. These are important decisions, and you should think them over. Many brides-to-be first come in alone to narrow down their selections, then return with their fiancés to make final decisions.

4. Take advantage of registry consultants. These experts are invaluable sources of advice about everything from wedding etiquette to bone china.

5. Be descriptive. Don't write down just any number on the reg- weren't received from guests.

Josie, a newlywed from New istry form-it may not be the style York City, was disappointed with number. Include as much descrip-

6. Register in a price range. china, crystal, and flatware patterns Include high-priced gifts for guests she wanted, most of her guests who can afford them, less-expenneglected to find out where. sive gifts for shower guests and

> 7. Use your imagination. China, wares are classic wedding gifts and perennial favorites with brides computers and stereos. Several specialty stores and mail-order catalogues now offer registries as well, for gifts from antiques to CD's.

8. Don't overlap. Register for each item in one store only, otherwise you will go crazy keeping track of gifts that have and haven't been purchased.

9. Never announce your registration in wedding invitations - this implies that gifts are as important to you as guests. Friends and family can make sure word gets out.

10. Save mailing labels from the packages you receive. If you decide 3. Give yourselves plenty of to return the gift, the label may be your only proof of purchase.

> 11. Keep a running gift list. Make a note of each item you receive, who sent it, and any thoughts that come to mind when you unwrap it. This will make writing thank-you

12. Follow up with your bridal registrar. Contact her after the shower to compare notes; after the wedding, fill in any purchases that

#### Some things never change: Elegant brides prefer pearls

more they remain the same, inch matinee or opera lengths. Today's bride may be a little more dition of pearls.

Just as a diamond ring has earned it a place in every bride's points in mind. heart over the years.

right woman.

The main considerations for choosing the proper strand of pearls should be the style of gown to be worn and the complexion of the wearer. For gowns with scoop or boat necklines, 16 to 20 inch choker or princess length necklaces are best suited to delicately accent the neck and shoulder areas. High collar and V-neck styles call for long

The more things change, the strands of pearls either in 24 to 32

Women with fair skin and light sophisticated and savvy than in colored hair are best flattered by years past, but when it comes to pearls with slightly pink or rose wedding gems, her tastes are overtones. Creamy white or slightly steeped in the classic American tra- golden pearls look best on women with dark skin and hair.

Since cultured pearls are products become synonymous with engage- of nature, they are seldom, if ever, ments, cultured pearls, the queen of perfect. Every pearl grown by an gems, have been an important part oyster has its own individual identiof the bridal ensemble for genera- ty. However, when choosing a tions. Perhaps it is the natural beau-strand of cultured pearls, it is ty and purity of a pearl that has important to keep several quality

Probably the most important Just as no two brides are ever aspect, as far as quality is conalike, cultured pearls are as differ- cerned, is the luster of the pearl. ent as the individual who wears Luster is the clear shine on the surthem. It is therefore important to face of the pearl. It should be clear match the right pearl jewelry for the enough to reflect images of objects near the pearl.

Another important factor is the surface of the pearl. It should be relatively free of damaging blemishes that appear as cracks, bumps

And finally, all the pearls in a strand should be closely matched in terms of color, size and shape. They should all combine together to give an appearance of uniformity within the necklace.



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