



Wedding Gifts: Part I

10 Gifts I Still Use

I kind of miss it. There were a few years there where I was in at least one wedding a summer and many, many more that I simply attended. It was so fun, traveling, dressing up, seeing old friends, making new ones, dancing, cocktails, drama, decorations, little flower girls and ring bearers, meeting adorable babies and then... finally me!

We were all hitched, then came the baby years and so on and so on. Now I have friends whose children are getting married and one friend who is expecting her first grandchild! The beat goes on... one door closes, another opens at the same time... it is just life!



Today I thought it would be fun to take a tour through my house and see if I can find 10 wedding gifts (18 years later) that are still in use.

1. Cherub Mirror.
2. I use this daily! My Droll Designs Canister. I love this canister so much; I have collected the set over the years.
3. Waterford Crystal Clock.
4. A gift from my maid of honor and best friend Karen, Sears Box.
5. Lenox Creamer and Sugar. This is all I kept from this pattern, I inherited my Aunt Mils Staffordshire china so we decided to get Christmas china instead... since that is when you use your china... and this goes with both Auntie Mils china and the Christmas.
6. Vintage Fiestaware Pitcher I spied while visiting one of my Nursing school professors at her home in Maine. She surprised me by giving it to us as a wedding gift.
7. Lenox Dish/Tray. This piece I put away for years, it was way too nice for the early years, and rediscovered it a few years ago and love it.
8. Pottery Barn pair of iron candle sticks. This was a gift from my brother and sister in law and they have graced every mantle in every home.
9. Pottery Barn placemats. A 6 piece set with napkins and cute napkin holders that all my high school girlfriends chipped in on!
10. Our Reed and Barton Flatware... hands down the most used wedding gift.

Poking around, it was fascinating and eye opening to see what we no longer use, what has lasted and what we have destroyed many times over. I bet we have been through 100 glasses and at least 3 sets of pots and pans.



One thing is for sure, as I poked around the Internet, looking at weddings on Pinterest... they have become such a wonderful opportunity for creativity! I could spend all day looking at all the little unique touches and how personalized they have become. My head was spinning. Maybe when all the kids are out of the house, I can turn our house and our yard into a place where people get married! Who knows!

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