



Favor Fun!

Choosing the perfect wedding favor creates a lasting impression with your guests. From creative and kitschy to traditional and edible, the options for the perfect wedding favor are endless. Here are some thoughts in the event you wish to go beyond classic favors like Jordan sugared almonds, individual chocolates, candles and scented soaps.

- **Edible:** Food is the one favor that everybody loves. Edible favors can range greatly from inexpensive to rather expensive, depending on how highly customized you choose to be. You can honor your locale by ordering treats from a local bakery, give a nod to the summer season with jars of honey, or serve gingerbread cookies at a winter wedding.
- **Charitable:** Do you and your groom have a charity that is close to your heart? Donate to your favorite charitable organization in the name of each wedding guest. Let your guests know by placing a bookmark-like photo or a simple, classic card at each place setting, explaining the wedding favor and the charity's significance to you as a couple.
- **Modern:** A CD with your favorite music, shot glasses filled with colored candy or silver picture frames with a photo of the couple. Make your gift personalized with your monogram and wedding date. Some additional fun options are potted plants, inscribed glassware and the very popular self-serve candy station.
- **Do-it-Yourself:** Be creative and offer a handmade gift from the heart. Share a treasured family recipe along with a sample or create a hand-painted mini picture frame for each guest. While this is more personal and can be inexpensive, bear in mind it can be very time consuming.
- **Seasonal:**
 - **Spring:** wildflower seeds, votive candles in flower-shaped holders, rose-shaped soaps in clear glass box, hand-painted flower pots and monogrammed miniature pails.
 - **Summer:** romantic twinkle tea lights, bottle openers made of sea shells, butter knives with shell handles and place card holders shaped like dolphins or palm trees.

- **Fall:** coasters with pictures of fall scenery, leaf-shaped soaps, candles in leaf-shaped or pillar-shaped holders, warm wooden photo frames, place card holders decorated with pressed fall leaves and leaf-shaped cookies.
- **Winter:** snowflake shaped bath confetti and candles, Christmas tree ornaments in the shape of wedding cakes, snowflake-shaped cookies and chocolates, snow globes and gourmet tea & coffee.

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