

Flower Girl Baskets



A hand-trimmed flower basket will charm the flower girl and everyone watching her carrying it up the aisle.

Cover a basket in fabric to coordinate with the bridal party. Or, simply run ribbon through wide lace beading, and secure it to the basket edge. Baskets can be filled with fresh, dried, or artificial flower petals, potpourri, or confetti for the flower girl to strew down the aisle. As an alternative to a bouquet, the flower girl can carry a basket filled with a fresh flower arrangement. While adding an adorable touch to the ceremony, the basket is also a memorable keepsake for her.

Tip

If your flower girl will be sprinkling petals down the aisle, keep an extra bag of petals handy in case of accidental spills.

Covering a basket With Fabric

You Will Need

- Basket with flared rim and handle
- Fabric
- 1 to 2yd. each of two coordinating ribbons
- Polyester batting
- Hot-glue gun

1. Measure basket from inside base up over rim, down the side and across the bottom, up

A wedding is a ceremony that celebrates the beginning of a marriage or civil union. Wedding traditions and customs vary greatly between cultures, ethnic groups, religions, countries, and social classes.

In some countries, cultures and religions, the actual act of marriage begins during the wedding ceremony. In others, the legal act of marriage occurs at the time of signing a marriage license or other legal document, and the wedding is then an opportunity to perform a traditional ceremony and celebrate with friends and family.

A woman taking part in the ceremony is called a bride, a man called a bridegroom, after the ceremony they become a wife and a husband, respectively.



Wedding ceremonies vary within country and cultures however, most contain wedding vows of some kind and a proclamation of marriage, usually officiated by a local religious clerk. Most weddings also involve wearing the traditional clothes of the culture in which the couple is wedding. A wedding is often followed or accompanied by a wedding reception.

Other elements may include music, poetry, prayer, scripture, or other traditions. In most societies a number of traditions or customs have emerged around the wedding ceremony, many of which have lost their original symbolic meaning in the modern world. Other wedding traditions are relatively recent. Some elements of the Western heterosexual wedding ceremony symbolize the bride's departure from her father's control and entry into a new family with her husband. In modern Western weddings, this symbolism is largely vestigial, since husband and wife are of equal power and status. In some cultures, same-sex weddings are celebrated.

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If you are planning on being a wedding consultant or photographer there is a strong likelihood you will be limited to the number of weddings you can do on any specific day.

Most weddings are local, so look for information pertaining to your area. For the number of weddings in any specific area call the County Clerks office in that county.

Statistics for the Wedding Industry

- **2,226,000** weddings occurred in the US from June 2004 to June 2005 spending approximately \$85 billion. If considering all the items a bride will purchase 6 months prior to 6 months after her wedding the total exceeds 120 billion dollars.
- Over **9,000,000** weddings in China per year with an average \$19,900/wedding.
- 714,000 Japanese brides spend an average of \$70,000 per wedding in 2005.
- Number of worldwide weddings 115,000/day.
- #1 wedding city in the world is **Istanbul, Turkey** with 166,000 for the year.
- #2 wedding city in the world is **Las Vegas, Nevada, USA** with 116,000 weddings.
- #3 wedding city (2nd in USA) is **Gatlinburg, Tennessee, USA** with 42,000 weddings.
- #4 wedding city (3rd USA) is **New Orleans, Louisiana, USA** with 36,545 marriages in 2002.
- In Australia figures show that the average age of a bride in 2003 was 29, compared with 26 in 1993. And 75 per cent of couples lived together before marrying, up from 16 per cent in the 1970s. Average number of guests that are being invited to a wedding is 164.

If you are looking to determine the number of brides in a specific area and you do not have the time to locate the county or city clerk's office to get that information. About .007% of the population will wed in any specific area during a year's time frame.

opposite side, and over rim to inside base. Cut fabric circle 2in. wider than this measurement.

2. Place basket upside down over tall bottle. Secure center of fabric circle to base, using hot glue. Wrap fabric down sides and over the rim.
3. Tie string tightly around basket. Pleat out fabric fullness evenly. Glue ribbon tightly around basket just below rim, turning under one end and overlapping the other.
4. Cut slit from fabric edge to handle base on each side. Turn basket over; work fabric around handles and pleat out fullness down into pocket... apply bead of hot glue around base of basket pocket; secure fabric.
5. Cut cardboard to fit loosely inside bottom of basket; cut matching piece of batting. Cut fabric 1in. larger than cardboard. Hot glue batting to cardboard.
6. Center cardboard, batting side down, over wrong side of fabric. Wrap fabric to back; glue in place. Secure padded cardboard to inside basket

Average traditional wedding in the USA is \$20,000 - \$25,000 ** Average age for first-time brides is 25 years. For grooms, it's 27. ** June is the most popular month for weddings, followed by August, September, October and May ** One third of engaged couples retain a wedding consultant. ** The average household income of a newly married couple is \$60,000/year.

99% of couples who get married go on a honeymoon. ** Couples spend an average of \$5,000 on their honeymoon. ** The honeymoon industry is a 12 billion dollar a year industry. ** An average honeymoon vacation is one week. 45 percent of honeymoon trips are to domestic locations; 55 percent are international. ** Most popular honeymoon activities that honeymooners enjoy are:

- Visiting a new place for sightseeing, restaurants, entertainment and nightlife - 75%
- Beaches and lakes - 45%
- Casinos - 20%
- Cruises - 15%
- Golf/sports vacations - 10%
- Skiing trips - 5%

base, using hot glue.

7. Knot ribbon around one base of handle. Angle and wrap ribbon around handle to opposite base; knot and trim. Tie ribbon bow to each handle base, covering knots.