

Below is a list of fresh ideas for you to consider doing at your reception. Some of these are completely fresh and some add a little twist to wedding traditions. Be sure to hold onto the best ideas that fit your reception, and not all the good ones. We don't want to overload your guests and make your reception agenda top heavy with activities.

Introductions:

Introduce just the Bride and Groom (1 special song)

Introduce the wedding party & the Bride and Groom (one song for the wedding party, a second song for the bride and groom, OR a special song for each couple of the wedding party)

Paparazzi Introductions (introduce the wedding party and or just the bride and groom place disposable cameras on each table and have the guests line up to photograph the wedding party as they all enter)

Activities during the meal:

Name Your Tables Based on Song Titles (guests will know when it is their turn to go to the buffet by the song that the DJ plays)

Centerpiece Giveaway (What are you going to do with all your centerpieces at the end of the night? If you own them, give them to your guests! There are a number of ways we can give away your centerpieces. Simple to complex, all of them fun. Ask us for more details. (Napkin pass, sticker under the chair, dollar pass)

RSVP spotlight – Keep track of the first 5 guests that return their RSVP cards. We will then invite these guests to line up on the dance floor and allow the other guests to guess at what they have done to deserve what they are about to receive. After the guests get involved, the MC will finally reveal that they were the most prompt in sending in their RSVP and present them with a small gift such as a box of chocolates, or gift card to Starbucks or Blockbuster.

Future Anniversary Cards

Place a number of anniversary cards for all different years of marriage assigned on the envelope, along with a pen at each guest table. Include printed instructions that will ask the guests at each table to sign the card and write a note that they want you to read on that particular anniversary. Once the cards are completed and sealed, they will be collected and put with the regular cards and are to be opened corresponding to each anniversary you share.

Special Dances

Rehearse a Choreographed First Dance

Take dance classes and learn specific steps to a special song, or choose a slow song that is interrupted half way for something fun and upbeat!

Invite others to join in on your special dances.

Have other couples join half way through your first dance, have any fathers and daughters and mother sons present at the wedding join in on those dances. It minimizes your times on the dance floor alone, and gets your guests involved in something special.

Anniversary Dance

All the married couples are asked to join you on the dance floor as the songs plays the DJ calls out the number of years couples have shared together as husband and wife (shortest to longest). At the end one couple remains on the dance floor with the bride and groom and they offer the newlyweds advise on a long happy marriage together.

Dollar Dance

We usually call the honeymoon dance and explain to your guests that this is spending money you will use on your honeymoon to Mexico, Hawaii, or wherever you choose. This usually take 2 or 3 songs, guests donate a dollar amount of their choice and take a few spins with you on the dance floor. If you don't want to ask your guests for dollar donations, turn this into Words of Wisdom and have them write notes on cards at the table to offer advice on a long happy marriage.

Cake Cutting

Birthday or Anniversary

If a guest in attendance is celebrating a birthday or a special anniversary on your wedding day, have the MC invite them to join you at the cake table where you present them with the second slide of your wedding cakes. You can include a candle and sing happy birthday if appropriate.

Cake Smash

Invite your best man and maid or matron of honor to join you at the cake table for a posed picture. Your guests will encourage you to smash the cake in each other's faces, but you pull a fast one and turn and smash the cake in the face of the best man and maid/matron of honor.

Garter & Bouquet Toss Ideas

Teddy Bear Toss

If you have a lot of younger kids attending that may feel left out of the Garter and Bouquet Tosses have a separate toss just for kids before the adult tosses. Toss a teddy bear or other stuffed animal and take a picture with the child that catches it.

Bouquet Presentation

If you will have a limited number of single ladies in attendance, or perhaps you prefer not to put them on the spot, you can do a bouquet presentation to someone you appreciate. A newly engaged couple, friend, grandmother or mother.

Married Tosses

If you have a limited number of single people in attendance but still want to present your garter and bouquet to someone, consider this. Invite all the married ladies on the dance floor and have them line up in order of how many years they have been married least to greatest. When the woman that has been married the longest is revealed, present her with the bouquet. Repeat this process for the married men, but have the groom give the garter to the man that has been married the shortest amount of time.

The Last Dance

Circle of Love

Invite all of your guests to make a big circle around you on the dance floor during your last dance. This includes everyone at the end of the night, and allows the photographer to get some great photos of your final dance with all your friends and family surrounding you.

Say Your Goodbyes around the Circle of Love

With your guests circled around you, dance your way around the circle and say your goodbyes until the end of the song.

The Sendoff

Human Tunnel Exit – Guest form two lines and raise their arms making a tunnel for the bride and groom to run through.

Bubble Exit – Provide bubbles for your guests to blow as you make your way down the walkway.

Surprise Running Exit – This will work well if you've dance around the circle of love and said your goodbyes. As soon as your last dance is over, the MC will ask over the mic, where are the two of you going for your honeymoon? As soon as you shout back your answer...you make a mad dash for the exit and hit the road!