

REGISTERING

the basics

Starting a life together is going to require a few basics.

That's why registering for the right items is a key part of the wedding planning process. To help you list everything you will need, we've put together a set of basics for your registry. Customize it to meet your own needs!

Kitchen

- Coffeemaker
- Crock pot, slow cooker or instant pot
- Food processor
- Cast iron Dutch oven
- Toaster
- Blender
- Teapot
- Stand mixer
- Knife set
- Silverware
- Place settings (a set of eight is a common suggestion – it might be too many for now, but it won't always be!)
- Serving dishes
- Pots and pans (skillet, stockpot, saucepan, multipurpose)
- Measuring spoons and measuring cups
- Baking items: Mixing bowl, cupcake tin, baking sheets, whisk, cake pan, pie pan
- Oven mitts
- Cutting board
- Table decorations, such as candlesticks, table runners, linen napkins and place mats
- Various types of glasses (wine, water, cocktail)
- Organization items: dry food organization containers, pantry organization, pots and pans rack

Living Room

- Art
- Curtains
- Decorative pillows, throws and baskets

Living Room continued

- Picture frames
- Rugs
- Vases, bowls and other decorative pieces (these are great as less expensive registry items)

Bedroom

- Comforter/duvet
- Humidifier/dehumidifier
- Quality pillows
- Blankets
- Pillowcases
- Bed skirt
- Sheet sets (specify bed size)

Bathroom

- Bathroom set (toothbrush holder, soap holder, etc.)
- Full-length mirror
- Shower curtain
- Hand towels, bath towels, washcloths
- Waste basket

For Cleaning

- Waste baskets, hampers
- Ironing board and iron
- Vacuum

Outdoors

- Grill/Barbeque, tools
- Patio furniture
- Welcome mat



Miscellaneous

- **Totes and other organizational supplies.**

Especially if you have a small home, you're going to need some help making good use of your space and organizing all of your gifts.

- **Supplies for your hobbies.**

Do you love camping? Include a tent or a camp stove. Are the two of you both into music? Register for a new record player or a set of quality speakers. This is your registry after all, and it's there to set you up for your life together.

- **Gift cards.**

These are great contingency gifts. When you realize what you forgot to register for, you'll be glad to have received a few of these. This is even more crucial if you're getting married far from where you live, either at a destination or close to your families; you won't want to cart a bunch of gifts home on a plane or road trip.

Alternatives

- **Honeymoon fund.**

If you don't need any physical items, you can always have a honeymoon fund option, allowing people to give to your honeymoon experience.

- **Charitable donations.**

If you've already got most of what you need, asking for donations to your favorite charity is a generous way of spreading the joy. If you're uncomfortable asking people to cut checks, try asking people to donate items. A summer wedding is a great opportunity to ask guests to bring school supply donations. Fall weddings are a great time to ask for winter coat and clothing donations. Winter weddings are a great opportunity to ask people to participate in a holiday toy drive.