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**By Roy Thomsitt**

Any wedding day will be full of memories, especially for the bride and groom. They, of course, are

the key players, whether it is a formal or informal wedding. With a formal wedding, the months of planning may build up a high level of anticipation in not just the bride and groom, but also others who will also play key roles on the big day. To bridesmaids in particular, the lead up to the wedding day may be an exciting time. The bride and groom will undoubtedly want to commemorate the day for them with bridesmaid's gifts.

For sure, bridesmaids will appreciate at least a token gift to help them remember the day. As with any gift, what you choose as a bridesmaid gift will depend on budget and age. If anything, "older" bridesmaids are easier to choose for, as personalized silver or crystal, for example, and other more adult products, are more likely to be appreciated.

Younger bridesmaids, though, may turn out to be easier than you thought, whatever your budget. It is a matter of thinking about their tastes and interests and finding something appropriate. While it is traditional to give all bridesmaids the same gift, that does not necessarily have to be the case. After all, they have probably been forced into a uniform dress for the occasion, and if you have several, or many, bridesmaids then no doubt one or more were not too happy with the colour or design, even if they are too polite to tell the bride.

Choosing the bridesmaid's gift may be a good time to redress the balance, and do something individual, a unique bridesmaid gift for each bridesmaid; unless, that is, you know the bridesmaids well enough to know that all will be happy with the same thing. At least by having the same gift, there is no danger of one bridesmaid being jealous of the other.

How, then, can you make each bridesmaid gift unique, without having to go out seeking an appropriate gift, the like of which you and your bridesmaids have never seen before? There are a couple of ways to add an individual and personal touch:

Engravable Gifts

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Many items, including popular bridesmaid gift items such as jewellery, candles and candle holders, goblets, can either be engraved, embossed or have a medallion attached that can be engraved. Engraving gives you the opportunity to add an individual touch for each bridesmaid, thus acknowledging that each has played their own important part.

Bridesmaids of any age will appreciate something engraved with their name and those of the bride and groom, plus of course your personal message. If you have a wide variety of ages amongst your bridesmaids, then why not give each a different gift, appropriate for their age, but also engraved with their personal message.

If you have chosen jewellery, then you have a gift theme that can be applied to all ages, and be engraved at the same. Even young girls usually like jewellery, so you could be making your bridesmaids very happy, commemorating the occasion nicely, and making each gift choice unique.

### Gift Baskets

Like jewellery, gift baskets can be made suitable for all ages of bridesmaid. If you choose an attractive and unusual basket, then even if the contents are consumable (such as chocolates) the girl will have the basket left as a memento of the wedding and her role as a bridesmaid.

With gift baskets, you can choose appropriate contents for each of your bridesmaids, whether they are 2 years old or 18; and you can even include an engraved gift inside to personalize it for her even more. So, baskets do really give a lot of scope for individuality and addressing the age problem. There are a good selection of customized gift baskets online for you to choose from.

Planning the wedding will be a big task that will preoccupy you if you are a bride or groom. But don't forget to give a bit of thought to those bridesmaids for their part in your big day. They are sure to appreciate it.

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<http://www.gifts-for-xmas.com>

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## **Bridesmaids Gifts: a Token of Love, Appreciation and Affection**

**By Adriana Copaceanu**

No one has as much fun as the bride to be on her wedding day, except, perhaps, her bridesmaids.

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Bridesmaids enjoy all of the fun of a wedding without the stress and headaches of planning the blessed affair. Bridesmaid's gifts are a popular item among wedding parties and the brides honored attendees. Often the bride to be offers bridesmaids gifts to her wedding party at a rehearsal dinner, in order to thank her friends and family for participating in her union ceremony, and recognize them for all of their assistance during the planning and preparation stages of her wedding.

Often the bride-to-be aspires to find bridesmaids gifts that are personal, unique and fun. Historically, a bridesmaid was a close friend or sister who is asked to take part in the wedding experience, or one who helps tend to the bride and help her prepare for her wedding. Traditionally, a bridesmaid was considered a bearer of good fortune, someone meant to protect the bride against evil. Legend has it that bridesmaids confuse any evil spirits that might be lurking around by dressing up similarly as a means of distraction. For this reason alone a bride is more than happy to bestow her thanks upon her maidens.

In contemporary society bridesmaids are often a bride's right hand 'ladies' helping her get into and out of her wedding dress, helping to infuse the bride with excitement and sharing tears of joy at the blessed event. Though the maid of honor traditionally carries the bulk of pre-wedding assistance responsibilities, the maids also are leaned upon to lend a helping hand whenever possible. Bridesmaids serve many purposes including helping keep the bride relaxed and focused on her wedding day. Wedding jitters are common among new brides.

Bridesmaids often play a strong supporting role during the wedding experience. They may be asked to help plan the wedding, address invitations, order decorations or help shop for a wedding dress. Perhaps the best part of being a bridesmaid is participating in all of the pre-wedding 'fluff'. This may include trips to the spa or salon for a little pre-wedding pampering.

The bride's helpers also often help out with guest seating arrangements at the wedding. For unmarried bridesmaids, the best bridesmaid's gift is the bouquet tossed by the bride at her reception. The receiver is said to be the next in line to marry.

Of course bridesmaids are not always the recipient of bridesmaid's gifts; many times the bridesmaids are responsible for offering classic gifts to the bride to be. These may include 'gag' gifts such as tiara's, gag rings, and other party favors often presented during the bachelorette party. No matter what type of wedding is planned, or where, bridesmaids often enjoy all of the same benefits as the bride, without, of course, the benefit of going home with the groom.

Adriana Copaceanu provides people with creative gift ideas that don't blow the bank. Gift Baskets for Baby to Birthday and Beyond, are just some gift ideas you'll find at her site:

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