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

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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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Why Gift Gift Basket

By George Meszaros

It's true that we all want to give the best gift for the lowest possible price. With online shopping for your next gift basket, you have the power to pick and choose among the best professionally done gift baskets for the lowest price. You have no excuse to give beautiful affordable gift basket without over paying.

Inexpensive gift baskets are an elegant way to send an expression of love to your loved one. Gift baskets are a great choice for sending congratulatory, or appreciatory gifts to your clients or colleagues, friends and neighbors. There is so much variety in gift baskets that regardless of the occasion you can find a beautiful gift basket that is tasteful and sure to please both the recipient and the gift giver.

If you ever wondered about the origins of gift giving; it is said to have originated from an ancient Roman practice surrounding an annual festival. During the Saturnalia, citizens of Rome presented the emperor and each other with tokens of good luck, called strenae. Initially, the gifts had little material value, being merely symbols of the donor's good wishes. As the practice evolved, it became customary to give precious gifts, including clothing and objects made of precious metals.

Today when we exchange gifts with each other we still do it as a token. Whether it be a token of affection, or appreciation today's gifts are given in great or small packages but they all represent the same concept. The gift giver respects the recipient enough to present her with a gift. Finding just the right gift can be difficult because we want that one product to be the right gift for the right person.

Gift baskets simplify gift giving. Gift baskets solve this problem because they include a variety of gift

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items. With a variety of gift items in a basket, you can be sure the recipient will find products they like. If you or someone you know deserves a relaxing retreat, a spa gift basket is the perfect gift. The best bath and spa gift baskets showcase exotic aromas and vibrant colors.

Gift baskets come stuffed with many different kinds of goodies, from chocolates, gourmet food items, spa products, candy, baby products, and more. Sending a gift basket is sure to please both the giver and receiver. You would be hard pressed to find a better gift to show your appreciation than a beautiful gift basket.

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