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Roaring Twenties Wedding Theme

By Kirsten Hawkins

Whether it's the Great Gatsby or the look of gangsters, a roaring twenties wedding theme can add a fun and unusual spin to any wedding. If you are interested in being united in the look of the twenties, here are some different ideas to get you started.

The 1920's had a style all its own and with a twenties wedding theme, planning will be enjoyable and memorable. Start by transforming your wedding party into an era of "speakeasy" with costumes resembling Eliot Ness, Al Capone, Lucky Luciano, Bugsy Malone, and John Dillinger. You and your future husband can also think about dressing yourselves up as Bonnie and Clyde.

The bride's dress should fit into the twenties wedding theme. Have a seamstress design one with an intermission hemline, making it shorter in front and long in the back. Dropped waistline and pleated skirts were a popular look in the twenties and would make a beautiful wedding dress. For headdress, try a Juliet cap, coronet or a simple band of silk flowers worn lower on the forehead. Don't forget stockings (pantyhose) that have noticeable seams. These were a big look for women of the twenties.

The bridesmaids of the roaring twenties wedding party can dress in flapper dresses with long, dangling bead necklaces, feather boas and seamed stockings. Remember the bright red lipstick. No twenties rendition would be complete without it!

Zoot suits, English driving caps, suspenders and wing tip shoes were the craze for grooms and groomsmen in the roaring twenties. Most tuxedo shops will either carry great selections from this era or know of another shop you can visit to find this great attire.

For a roaring twenties wedding theme, think glittering lights, rough men, and romance. Although known for its crime age, the twenties also became known as the Jazz Age, with the likes of flappers and the Charleston. Music was upbeat and enjoyable, skirts were short and the economy had everyone in high spirits. This is the feel you want to incorporate into your wedding theme.

Think about your invitations and what you want them to say. These will initially set the mood of your guests before they even attend your big day. Include passwords on the invitation and have two friends

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stand at the door of the reception and ask guests to recite the password if they want to enter. Be original. Use different passwords on different invitations, depending on the guest. If it is an old school friend, use your nickname from high school as the password. If your grandma had a name she called you, use this as her password. Also on the invitation, let your guests know that although they are not required to wear attire fit for the theme, it is welcomed and would be fun.

Name your reception tables when seating your guests at your roaring twenties reception. Have an `Al Capone' table, a `Bonnie and Clyde' table, which can be used for the wedding party, and a `Lucky Luciano' table. Attach guest names to long cigarette holders that were used in that era.

Another great idea for your roaring twenties theme is to include on the invitations that there will be contests held during the reception. Have the disk jockey play jazz music, swing music and organize these contests. You can include a contest for best dance and best costume. You can also set up a booth for your guests to have their photos taken as a souvenir to take home.

With a roaring twenties wedding theme, your wedding is sure to not be forgotten by your guests and will make long lasting memories for you and your `Clyde'.

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Every Bride Must Have It

By George Meszaros

Wedding favors are quickly becoming a trendy essential of the wedding celebration. Wedding favors are small gifts that are given to each guest at the wedding reception. It says, "thank you" for coming to our wedding and celebrating this most special day with us.

Wedding favors are becoming an important part of the wedding planning process. Before you make or purchase your wedding favors you have to determine the following:

1. How many people are invited to the wedding?

You need to know how many people are attending the wedding to determine the number of wedding favors needed. Wedding favors are usually bought after the RSVPs to make sure there are enough favors for each guest. Therefore, the favors are usually bought one month or closer to the actual wedding day.

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2. What is your budget per guest?

You have to determine the budget for your wedding favors. You can buy some very nice wedding favors for about \$2–\$3. If you are crafty you can make your own favors, but most people leave it to the professionals and buy their favors.

3. What is your theme?

Your theme or wedding location or the time of the year can determine your wedding favors. For example, a beach wedding calls for a beach theme wedding favor such as a dolphin wine stopper, a seashell candle, or a beach chair candle or cardholder.

Just like the bridal gown, wedding favors are a part of the bride's to do list. The decision on what favors to give to the guest should be made by the bride and groom. You can purchase inexpensive but useful wedding favors that will end up in someone's home not in trash can of your reception venue. An elegant wine stopper, a pretty candle, a shiny bottle opener, a personalized chocolate bar all have the power say to your guest "thank you" with style and elegance.

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