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(BNN) As the wedding season approaches, couples prepare for their newlywed lives and households. Many look beyond traditional china, crystal and keepsakes for gifts they will use frequently in their new homes.

Following trends in fashion, a wide selection of informal, practical and useful gifts are well-suited to today's purposeful lifestyles.

Gifts now span many product categories. Camping and sporting equipment, outdoor grills, home and garden tools, kitchen accessories, and everyday dinnerware are especially appreciated now. Unusual and useful gifts for almost every lifestyle and category can be conveniently ordered online!

· Kitchen Essentials: Lillian Vernon's stainless steel tools to handle chores from chopping and slicing to cooking and serving, then go into the dishwasher. 42-piece set \$90 www.lillianvernon.com. Krups coffee and espresso maker \$99 at [Crate&Barrel](http://Crate&Barrel.com) www.crateandbarrel.com. From IKEA, top-of-the-line SKÄRPT kitchen knife block. Set of 3 knives and a ceramic sharpener \$70 www.IKEA.com.

· Outdoor Sports: Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), pair of sleeping bags with opposite zipper configurations that zip together. Perfect for inseparable newlyweds! \$129 each. Also, a tent for two! The award-winning Half Dome Plus three-season backpacking tent \$159 all at www.rei.com.

· Home Accessories: Traditional Cambridge mantle clock with roman numerals \$129 at [Crate&Barrel](http://Crate&Barrel.com) www.crateandbarrel.com. The Earthwise Clock, a John Duke design, displays the movement of the earth in relation to the passage of time showing both solar time and clock (universal) time. \$95 at www.earthwiseclock.com. Garden Clock, rust and weather resistant, verdigris finish, gives time, temperature and humidity, \$50 at Lillian Vernon www.lillianvernon.com.

· Everyday Dining: Hand-painted earthenware with creamy, ivory finish, fully glazed for durability, and easy care, microwave and dishwasher safe. 32-piece service for eight \$110 at Lillian Vernon, www.lillianvernon.com. Reed & Barton Crescendo pattern stainless flatware--66-piece service for

twelve at \$140 Ross–Simons
www.ross–simons.com.

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Using Silk Flowers – Should I?

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Many of the silk flowers available for bridal bouquets today look so real only the bride knows for sure whether they are. Using silk flowers in the bridal bouquet may not be for every bride, but many are taking a second look at the advantages.

One of the best reasons for choosing silk flowers for the wedding bouquet is that the beauty of the flowers will remain the same for many tomorrows as it looks today. Too often with a fresh cut bouquet, saving it means drying the bouquet. If you are not adept at drying flowers, they may even end up with mold spots. Even if they are dried appropriately, the colors will be faded. You can get a fresh cut bouquet freeze dried to perpetuate the true colors, but it must be done by a professional and can be expensive. Silk flowers will not wilt, mold, or fade on your wedding day or over the years that pass.

If you choose to have a silk flower wedding, you can plan and order your bouquets far in advance of the wedding. Most brides are very busy in the month before the wedding. Having to coordinate with a florist to have fresh cut flowers delivered to the wedding venue is just one more pressure point on the countdown. Also, if the fresh cut flowers do not look like you envisioned, when you get them it is often too late to change anything. When you order your silk flower bouquets as far in advance as six months before the wedding, you have plenty of time to ask for changes or to order extra pieces if other honored guests appear on your list.

Finally, in terms of the wedding budget, a silk flower wedding can be more economical than fresh cut flowers. The flowers you like are always "in season." Prices are not bumped by seasonal changes. Also, because you will be able to order at a time that you wish to, you can pay for the flower expense months ahead of other expenses that will necessarily come right before the wedding.

Whatever choices you make about your wedding flowers – silk flower or fresh cut – a good wedding flower designer will help you create beauty in your wedding bouquet.

Ginger designs custom–styled bridal bouquets and wedding packages for brides. Visit her website <http://www.bridalsilkbouquets.homestead.com> for ideas.



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