

## Weddings

**Flower Arranging** Beautiful flowers play an important role in the décor at a wedding. Give residents a chance to have a hand at flower arranging. If you have access to a flower mart, purchase a variety of flowers and invite an experienced arranger to give direction. Finished arrangements can be placed in common areas

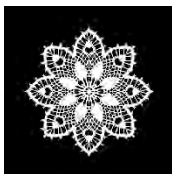


**Wedding Photos** Ask residents, families, and staff to locate their own wedding photos. Create a display area and give everyone an opportunity to share their wedding stories. What are the similarities and differences between the wedding stories?



**Renew Vows** Do you have a married couple living in your community that might want to renew their wedding vows? Enlist other residents to make arrangements for the special ceremony. Invite friends and family.

**Cake Decorating** Who doesn't appreciate a deliciously decorated wedding cake? Is there a bakery in your area willing to do a wedding cake demonstration for your residents? If not, enjoy this [short cake decorating video](#). Provide your residents with decorating tools and their own cupcakes to decorate, keeping in mind the wedding theme.



**Lace Art** Lovely lace brings to mind bridal gowns and white weddings. Choose one or more of these [lace/doily crafts](#) to do with your residents. The finished products can be used for decorating common areas.

**Wine Tasting** Champagne and festive toasts make for memorable moments at weddings. Arrange for a champagne (or sparkling cider) tasting, complete with appropriate glasses and toasts.



**Wedding Dress** Divide everyone up into a few different teams, and ask a "model" from each group to come forward. The rest of the team members have to create a wedding gown to dress her up in using rolls of paper towel or toilet paper (no scissors or tape allowed). Give awards for best-dressed!

**Makeovers** Everyone loves to feel pampered! Treat your residents to makeovers as if they were brides and grooms. Arrange for manicures and pedicures, fancy hairstyles, shaves, facials, and special make-up.



**Recipes** Most people have a favorite recipe or two. Ask your residents to contribute recipes to create a recipe book for newlyweds in your community. Make multiple copies and contact local churches or wedding halls for distribution of these unique gifts. Be sure to include the name of your community as well as the contributors.



**Word of Wisdom** Another possible "wedding gift" for newlyweds could be a book of words of wisdom about marriage created by your residents. Their years of experience can be insightful for recently married couples.



**Wedding Memory Game** Place several items related to weddings on a tray. Show the tray to players for a brief time, remove the tray, and ask players to write down as many items as they can remember. Item suggestions: rose, ring, champagne glass, invitation, tiara, bow tie, bible, photo, and lace.





**Dance** Who remembers their first dance? Was it a waltz, a country line dance, or a more modern dance? Invite a dance teacher to spend an afternoon with your residents and their guests teaching them a special dance. Let your residents decide what they are interested in learning.

**Candles** Beautiful scented candles add special ambiance to any room. Gather materials and have your residents make their own [candles](#). Choose unique, inexpensive containers from the thrift store or dollar store. Have a variety of scents available.



**Wedding Photo Booth** Photo booths are popular and lots of fun at parties and weddings. Put together a selection of wedding dress up items, including veils, flowers, hats, fake mustaches, jewelry, fake mustaches, etc. Have a photographer take pictures of everyone in their finery.

**Wedding Vision Board** Give everyone a chance to plan their own “dream” wedding. Supply residents with recycled bridal magazines and poster board. Have everyone look through the magazines and cut out pictures to add to their vision board to create their ideal wedding. Choose a wedding dress, a ring, flowers, location, food, honeymoon, etc. Give everyone an opportunity to share.

