

Top 6 fabulous favors:

1. **Personalized wine or champagne.** Spirited couples label small bottles of wine, asti spumante, or champagne with their name and wedding date, tie with a ribbon, and let their guests take home to enjoy!

2. **Chocolate decadence.** Some couples choose candy bars with their names, wedding date, and best wishes for their guests. Others choose to use boxes in the wedding colors, filled with yummy chocolates and tied up with a bow. Thoughtful brides, with help from their mother and attendants, make up their own candies in shapes reflecting the theme or the season. Autumn leaves are great for fall weddings, while roses are great for summer, and hearts are perfect any time.

3. **Flower power.** Fresh plant doubling as table centerpiece. Small potted plants, or stems in a vase, which match the floral centerpieces can be set at each place setting to add to the charm of the table, then guests can take them home.

4. **Wine stoppers.** These come in a wide variety of designs, ranging from wedding-themed to funny, like Snoopy on his doghouse. They are small and useful, so they are not apt to be tossed in the nearest trash basket.

5. **On deck.** Decks of playing cards are a cute and inexpensive idea. Personalized with the name of the bridal couple and the date, they remind guests of the good time they had every time they play a game of rummy.

6. **No favor.** It has become increasingly popular for a bridal couple to make a donation to their favorite charity or organization. If you choose to do this, make certain your guests know this is being done in their name. Put a framed announcement where guests will arrive for the reception, or a small card tied to their dinner napkin. Give thought to choose a special cause. Animal lovers may choose to donate to the local Humane Society. If a loved one has been affected by an illness, you could give to an appropriate health organization. You can choose an environmental project, one to help needy children, or even the Northeastern Philharmonic! Make sure it is meaningful to you, as a couple, and your guests will feel honored.