

# A Beautiful Beginning



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## Choose the perfect cake for your wedding day

For an extra special wedding, every detail counts. Everything from your dress right down to the cake should be expressly for you.

So, make each decision a thoughtful decision. Find the right person or bakery to make your cake by comparing samples of their work and by tasting, too! Ask questions. Can a strawberry filling be added? Will a whipped cream frosting hold up? And, how will the finished cake be delivered?

Once you select a baker/decorator, don't settle for a carbon copy of a cake made for a previous wedding. Instead, provide ideas so that your cake is designed especially for you and your groom. Start with an ornament you love and pair it with fresh flowers keyed to your color scheme. Or, personalize your cake with a special frosting flavor.

Another beautiful way to individualize a cake is by coordinating your own cake ornaments and accessories. Giftware designer Ellen Williams combines expert detailing with fine porcelain, laces and trims in an exquisite selection of wedding cake ornaments. Each ornament can be mixed and matched with fresh flowers, greenery or any other accessories in her designer series.

Wedding cake ornaments are available to fit any style. Choose from graceful swans floating on lace, gentle doves amidst tulle and soft roses, wedding bands with shimmering pearls, and many more. For the classic cake topper, the wedding couple, you might select a flowery base, a pearl-trimmed arch or a lattice gazebo.

In addition to the cake itself, give



some extra attention to the cake service. The tablecloth should enhance the beauty of the cake, not detract. An attractive arrangement of plates, napkins and forks also will help make your cake the focal point. And, a small spray of flowers, ribbon or lace tied to a carefully-chosen cake knife and server is an elegant touch.



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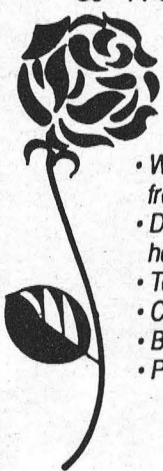
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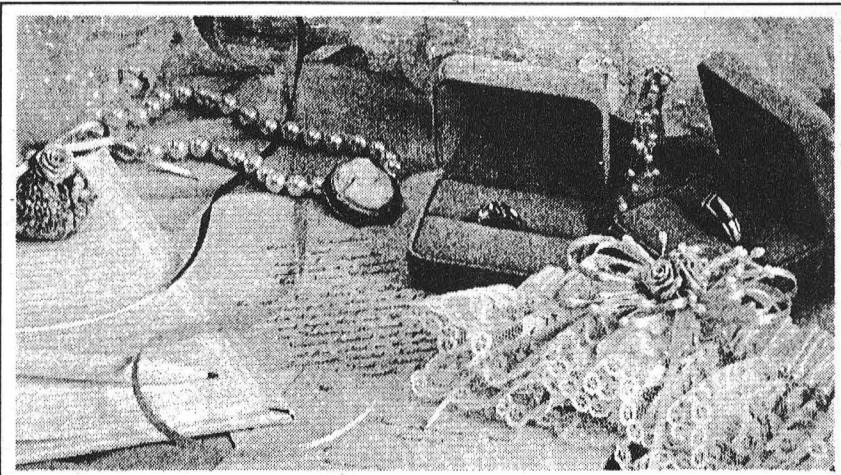


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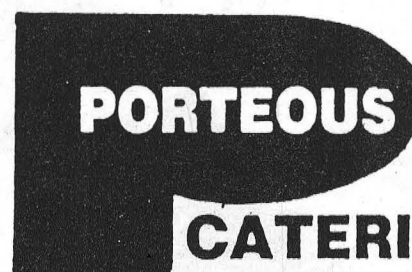
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# Personality expressed by shape of diamond

For centuries man has attempted to access personality through tea leaves, astrological charts, and even bumps on the head. Now here's a new twist. In order to reveal whether a person is creative, aggressive, sensitive, earthbound or dreamy, look at his or her favorite diamond shape: round, oval, pear, marquise or emerald cut.

Over the years, veteran jewelry appraiser Saul Spero has developed a "personality profile" of individuals selecting diamond engagement rings by observing a direct correlation between the shape of the diamond desired and the person's character.

The credibility of Mr. Spero's observations is based on psychological precepts, confirms Dr. Frederick Koenig, professor of sociology at Tulane University. "There is a solid rationale behind Spero's observations. When a person selects a particular geometric shape, that person gives expression to an inner impulse...it is a revelation of the inner self."

## How does it work?

If you like the round shape best, husband, children and home life are terribly important to you. You're content, dependable, and relate easily to others. You eagerly anticipate all the comforts and joys of marriage and motherhood. Even if you work, a career is not your uppermost concern.

The security of home and family (suggested by the round portion) is also very meaningful to someone who selects the pear shape. But you're eager to meet new people and embark on new experiences



(indicated by the tapered end). You're ambitious, want to keep up with your peers and urge your mate to do likewise.

Does the oval shape diamond appeal to you? Chances are you love to innovate and are fully in your element when you're being creative. You're organized, but not inflexible, and have a unique sense of your own style. You dare to be different, but are not "far out." The oval personality is a blend of the round, square/emerald and marquise.

Someone who prefers the marquise shape is outgoing, impulsive, sometimes temperamental, sexy and known to be "a

charmer" (depicted by two tapered ends). You thrive on new challenges and your partner must do the same to keep up with you. Your energies need the outlet of a career and you're compelled to achieve your potential. You savor excitement and don't like to be "cooped up" at home.

A bit conservative, disciplined and organized, describes someone who favors the orderly, angular square or emerald shape. Often your mind wins out over your heart. You think things over clearly before making decisions. You also have good executive and leadership capabilities.

Diamond shape, or "cut," is just one of the all-important "Four C's" that should be considered when buying a diamond, advises Jewelers of America (JA), the national organization dedicated to consumer information and education about fine jewelry. Diamond values are also based on carat weight (there are 142 carats to an ounce, and 100 points to a carat); color (the amount by which a diamond deviates from the whitest possible, or truly colorless); and clarity (determined by taking into account the number, size, placement, color and nature of any internal "inclusions" or external surface irregularities).

How much should you plan to spend? Jewelers of America recommends a two months' salary guideline that will not adversely affect your budget but reflects a reasonable allowance for a better quality diamond solitaire. After all, unlike cars, stereos, furs and VCRs, this is a one-time purchase that lasts a lifetime and becomes a family heirloom!

It is important, therefore, to make your diamond purchase based on cut, clarity, carat weight and color. Because every diamond has its own characteristics, and no two stones are exactly alike, JA recommends that you consult with a local diamond expert, your neighborhood jeweler whom you know and trust. He or she will be able to guide you, based on your likes and dislikes, to the best value for your money.

A diamond engagement ring is symbolic of your love and lifelong commitment to one another.



## Wayne LaPrade Photography



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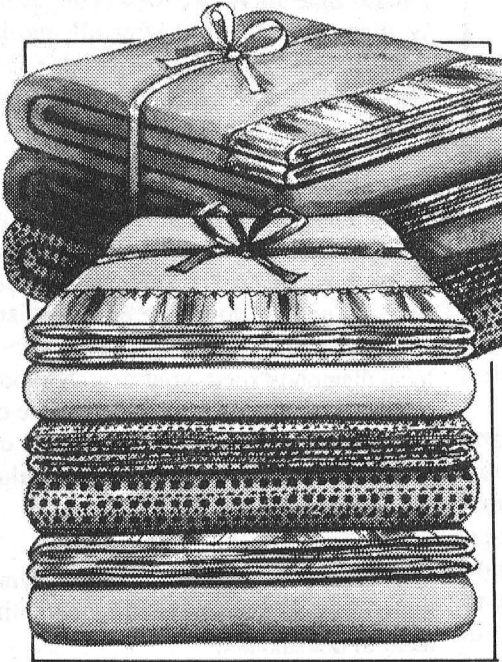


## Dream bedroom a reality with registry program

The old-fashioned wedding trousseau is being updated with a new bed linen bridal registry program to make every couple's dream bedroom a reality. These bed linen registry programs allow couples to select color schemes, patterns, sizes and items needed to create a total room environment.

"As coordinated bed ensembles grow more popular and include more items than ever before, linens and accessories have become an important part of registry programs," says Deirdre McGovern, public relations manager for Wamsutta/Pacific. "Our research shows that 70 percent of new brides now register for bed linens."

To make it easier for couples to select



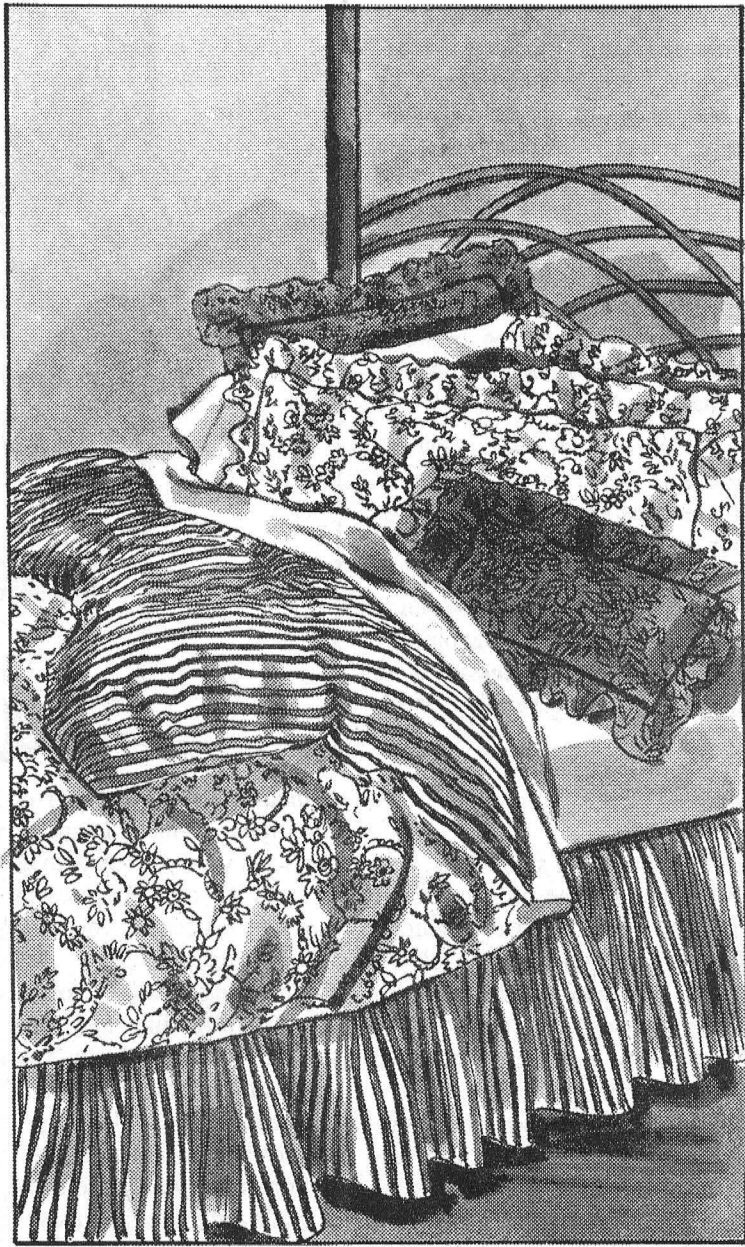
the perfect pattern and colors, many bridal directors and consultants have an album of room setting photos showing the Wamsutta patterns available in that particular store. This way, the bridal consultant can show the bride the many different looks she can select from. The albums also show how solids can be coordinated with patterns to create more than one ensemble.

"We advise couples to request three sets of sheets for each bed: one set on the bed, one in the linen closet and one in the laundry," McGovern says. "In addition to sheets, gift-givers can select pillowcases, shams, comforter, duvet cover, bedskirt, bedspread, draperies, and decorative pillows to complete the total room ensemble."

Do-it-yourselfers can even use sheets or coordinated fabric-by-the-yard to make their own decorative accessories to enhance the decor. Creative gifts might include bed canopies, ruffled table rounds, pleated picture frames, or matching kimono robes.

"Bed ensembles also make an excellent theme for bridal showers," McGovern notes. "Once the couple has given the essential information on patterns, colors and mattress size, guests can select appropriate items from a checklist of recommended items."

Wamsutta provides couples with a checklist of essentials to guide them through the registry process. It can also be used to create your own bed ensemble registry program for weddings or showers.



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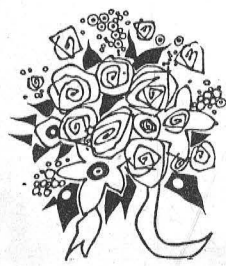
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# Capture honeymoon memories with photos

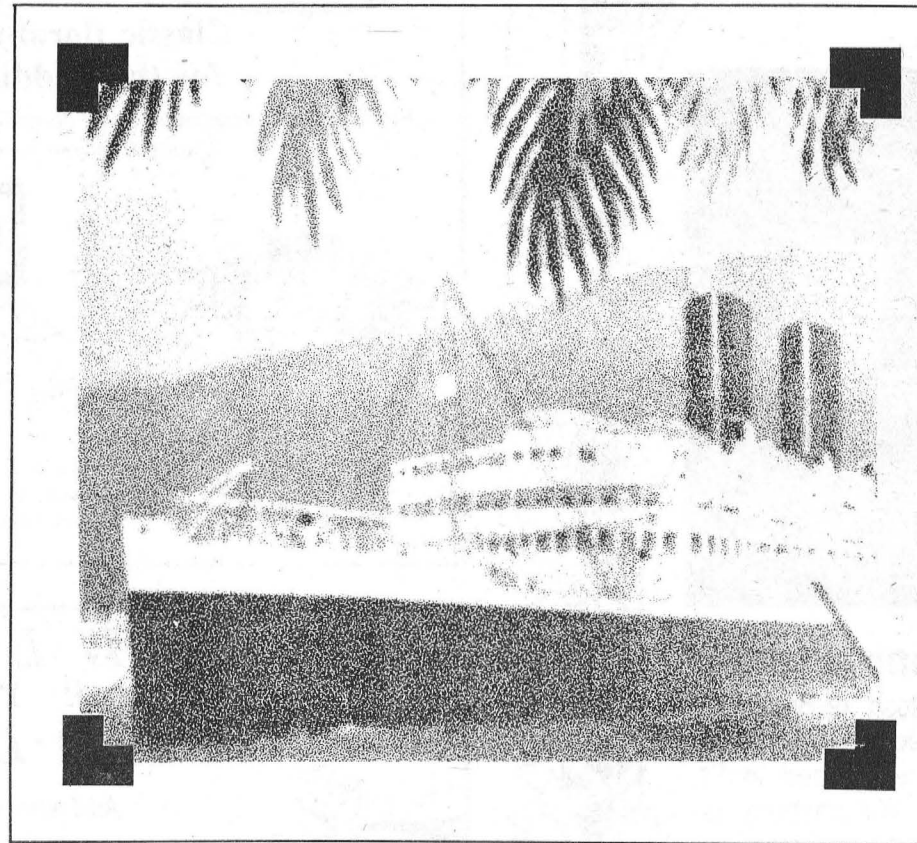
Every bride and groom wants tangible memories of their honeymoon. Whether you sail to the Caribbean, take a trip to Europe, or spend a cozy week at a country inn, the best way to have memories to keep is to take photos of this very special time in your married life.

As you plan for your honeymoon, here are some photo tips from Ricoh, one of the leading camera manufacturers in the world, to help make your honeymoon pictures better, easier and more fun to take.

•Take along a minimum of equipment. The ideal camera is one that packs neatly into the corner of a suitcase. Since you won't want to be bogged down with a lot of extra equipment, you'll want a camera that doesn't weigh a lot, or require a lot of accessories. The ideal choice is one of today's lightweight 35mm compact zoom cameras, like the easy-to-use Ricoh Shotmaster Zoom. It's particularly handy because it has a built-in flash, and can take wide angle or telephoto pictures...and everything in between.

•An auto-everything camera is faster, easier and a lot more fun. With many of today's advanced compacts, you can just drop in the film, and the camera loads itself, advances the film and rewinds at the end of the roll. Autofocus ability gives you crystal-clear, sharp images every time.

•Shoot in a wide angle position for panoramic pictures. A wide angle setting is the best when you want to take stunning sunsets or group photos. At the touch of a button, the Shotmaster Zoom's lens moves into 35mm wide angle to cap-



ture the whole scene.

•Telephoto settings bring the subjects closer. The camera's telephoto button zooms the lens to bring distant subjects closer...the best way to take portrait-type snapshots, or for bringing the scene closer to you.

•Use the fill-in flash for backlit photos. If the subject you are photographing is illuminated from behind, many cameras may mistakenly register that there's

enough light to take a properly exposed picture. But under these circumstances you will most likely end up with a silhouette. The auto fill-in flash/auto backlight compensation in the Shotmaster Zoom automatically provides correct exposure for a balanced photo.

•Two heads are better than one. It's more fun on a honeymoon if you have pictures of the two of you together. If you have a point-and-shoot camera, you may

want to ask someone to take your picture. But you can't always rely on the kindness of strangers. That's where the Ricoh Shotmaster Zoom's self-timer comes in handy. And if you use it in conjunction with the "continuous shooting" mode, you can take two photos in succession without having to reset the camera.

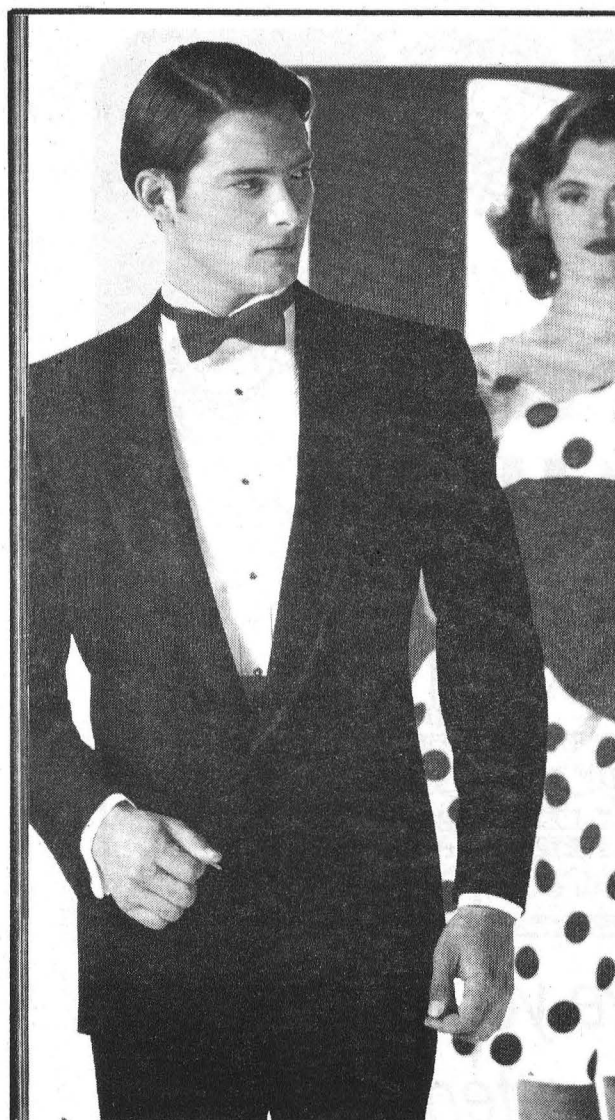
•Take along a mini tripod or a small beanbag. Either will secure your compact camera on a flat surface when you're using the self-timer or the nighttime mode. You can get a mini tripod from your photo specialty dealer.

•Take along plenty of film. If you have to buy film when you're in a foreign country, on board a ship or at a resort, you're going to pay a premium — often several dollars a roll more than if you'd bought it before your trip. In some cases, film might not be so easy to find. Take at least five rolls of film or more if your honeymoon includes touring or visiting special attractions.

•Don't park your camera in the sun! Don't leave it in a hot car, either — it can spoil the film. Another tip...keep camera and film in a coldpak bag.

•Don't put your camera through X-ray checkpoints. Ask the attendant to hand-inspect it, because X-rays can ruin your film.

Most of all, have fun while taking your photos. A handy compact zoom camera like the Ricoh Shotmaster Zoom is an ideal way to make your honeymoon photos a snap.



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## Survey reveals younger brides' attitudes toward marriage

Younger and older brides have dramatically different views when it comes to marriage, a reader survey in *Bride's* magazine revealed.

The nationwide study showed that brides under 25 years old are surprisingly conservative and traditional in their attitudes toward sex and marriage. Feelings are what matter most to these romantic young women; they're less interested in establishing their own independence than they are in sharing everything with the man they love. For many, marriage (whether the wedding day is a month away or a year down the road) is foremost on their minds. Some eye-opening findings:

•Only six percent plan to keep their

own last names after marriage; just 33 percent intend to open their own checking and charge accounts.

•Ninety percent want an equal say in major financial purchases, but only 60 percent will insist on splitting bill-paying and investment decisions.

•Forty percent find the word "obey" in the wedding ceremony to be demeaning; 80 percent believe it's a wife's duty to be faithful to her husband.

•Younger brides are less likely than older ones to discuss AIDS — and sex in general — with their husbands-to-be.

•For 54 percent, marriage marks the first step away from their parents' home.

•Sixty-six percent consider their wedding day "the most important day of my life."



### Engagement

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