

Just give me a June night the moonlight and you

The wedding date is set. The church is reserved. Arrangements have been made for the reception.

Still, much remains to be done buying the cake, the flowers, the dresses for the bride and the attendants.

Among the lengthy list of things to be done before the wedding is the selection of gifts for the attendants and groomsmen.

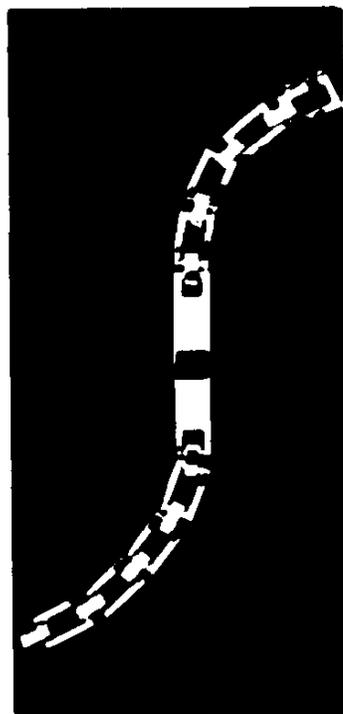
The choice of gifts depends largely on the amount of time and money the couple can spend.

If the wedding date is still some time away and job or school considerations do not take too much time, the couple can be more creative in the selection.

Original art, pottery or jewelry can add a personal touch not available in any store.

By planning ahead, the couple can create items ranging from decorative candles to needlecrafted items.

The list is endless. Needle-pointed or embroidered pillows or wall hangings can be finished if time allows and the list of gifts is short.



An ID bracelet is personal

Sometimes, a project like this can work to the bride's advantage by relieving the tension of pre-wedding "nervies."

The amount of money the couple wishes to allot for these gifts is, of course, an important factor.

GIFTS CAN range from inexpensive key chains to expensive jewelry such as pins or bracelets.

Monograms always add a personal touch. Again, the time factor comes into play. Often the items must be first ordered from the manufacturer and then engraved. Some jewelers recommend that orders be placed about 10 weeks in advance to insure delivery.

Other gifts that can be monogrammed are leather billfolds good for both attendants and groomsmen, engagement books (if the wedding takes place close to the first of a year) address books, or money clips.

Pewter mugs, silver bud vases, Revere bowls or other silver items are also popular choices.

PEN AND pencil sets which run the price-range gamut are another choice.

Travel clocks are handy items which one would not often buy for himself but might like to receive as a gift.

Always handy are pocket calculators which are also available in a range of prices depending on the number of functions they perform.

A pair of leather gloves is also a useful choice.

If the couple is interested in green and growing things, plants will provide a lasting gift.

TERRARIUMS or planters can be ordered from the florist or prepared by the couple.

Dried flower arrangements or pressed flower pictures can be prepared.

To provide a memory of the year, one of the many commemorative plates that are now available could be selected.

If the attendants are unmarried, the bride might consider selecting items that could be added to hope chests.

No matter the choice or the cost, the gift should provide a lasting memory of the occasion.

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