

The Wedding Party

Making memorable moments is easy with personal touches and accents to engage your guests.

As any bride, event planner or caterer will tell you, the majority of planning a wedding entails entertaining the guests. From the food to the décor to the music on the dance floor, hardly a detail is left unattended when planning a memorable affair. The most meaningful celebrations focus on personal touches and activities that encourage guests to participate in your big day.

To get the scoop, *At Home Tennessee* sat down with talented duo Samantha Reedy and Michelle Meadows of Firefly Events in Nashville to discuss the hottest trends and traditions in wedding entertaining.

“Start by compiling a list of things unique to you and your fiancé as well as to your families and location,” says Stephanie “These should be characteristics that make you different and set you apart from other couples.”

A list will help you decide what personal traits you most want to incorporate into your party. After you’ve narrowed down the major elements that set you apart, Stephanie also recommends making a list of foods, movies, activities, animals, vacations and places you both love.

Now use these lists to infuse your event with accents of who you are as individuals as well as a couple. Once identified, personalities can easily be translated into your décor, cuisine, favors and accessories. For instance, if one or both parents of the couple are from New Orleans, serving Cajun foods is an excellent way to share a bit of family history with guests. Is one of you a golfer? Instead of a traditional groom’s cake, consider a display of golf ball cupcakes and set up a putting green for guests to practice their skills during cocktail hour. To get the most out of your big day, check out our selection of tips from the experts.

Handwritten Signage

Incorporate a personal touch into your big day with handwritten signage or menus



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Personalized Favors

Most couples welcome out of town guests by leaving goodies for them at the hotel. Create a basket with local treats and a map of the area that highlights spots frequented by you and your fiancé.



Pictured: Gift basket with party favors courtesy from Nico and Lala in Nashville. 615.678.8420