

Creating a Wedding Gift Registry:

Item Checklist

These items are simply a checklist to be used as inspiration as you figure out what YOU really need in your own space. **THESE ITEMS ARE BY NO MEANS NECESSARY. Seriously, only put items you really use onto your registry!** There are so many things on this list that we don't use so I didn't register for those items. I've also added tips throughout the checklist with things we've learned along the way

Tips on using the checklist and preparing for item selection:

- As part of your research→ You can easily gather information like measurements and product descriptions by using the store's website...something that can be a little more difficult and time consuming inside the store.
- Create a typed list of items you will need to put on your registry after you've gone through the checklist. Create a folder on your computer desktop called **Wedding Prep** and save this document there, for easy access.
- Going through your typed list of items, visit a few stores to really get an idea of what they have. If you're not finding what you want {like maybe their dish selection is yucky}, don't settle! Check out another store. The last thing you want is to have a set of dishes that you need but don't really like. Select one store that really tickles your fancy 😊
- ALWAYS add gift cards at the end of your registry. This will allow those guests shopping at the last minute to select something quickly. Increments of \$20 are a good idea. Guests can purchase as many or as few as they want.
- Guests tend to buy one large item OR a grouping of items {like a pizza crisper and pizza cutter}. So, be sure to have a variety of price points.

Kitchen + Pantry

Baking

- 2 cookie sheets
- Spring-form pans
- Pie pan
- Loaf pan
- Ceramic bakers
- Mixing bowls
- Sifter
- Measuring cups {dry ingredients}
- Measuring cups {wet ingredients—like the Pyrex glass ones}
- Measuring spoons
- Rolling pin
- Cooling rack

Cooking

- Pots {tip: base your purchase choices solely on what you need and use. Advice from someone who cooks often will help tremendously!!! Pots take up too much space

to have ones you don't actually use so I suggest purchasing pots individually and not in huge sets.}

- Enameled cast iron pots {like Le Creuset}—oval French oven and sauté pots are useful if you make a lot of stews and large meats
- Pizza crisper + Pizza cutter {comes in handy when baking fish sticks and chicken strips in the oven...keeps things nice and crispy 😊}
- Whisk in various sizes
- 2 Wooden spoons
- 1 of each type—Silicon cooking utensils {tip: plastic utensils tend to peel over time}
- 2 rubber spatulas {I use these so much!}
- Hand juicer

- Knife block + Knives {again, get only the ones you actually use}
- Electric knife
- Sieve
- Tea kettle
- 2 large acrylic cutting boards
- 2 small acrylic cutting boards
- Colander {tip: the large one that attaches to the cutting board is a MAJOR hassle to handwash...it's too big to put in the dishwasher. I suggest the stainless steel ones.}
- Grater {These can come in a variety of sizes so be sure to assess where you will store the grater, for height.}
- Zester {try to find one that allows you to make curls as well as zest}

Servingware

- Pitcher {tip: stainless steel pitchers will never crack with hot liquids...just a thought.}
- Everyday serving dishes {tip: go with a solid versatile color like white or ivory so you can easily dress them up or down when entertaining guests}.
- Platters
- Serving bowls
- Large Salad bowl + tongs
- Cheese board + knives
- Beverage Dispenser
- Everyday Silverware
- China {to serve 10-12}
- Barware {try to stick with one style set that has a variety glasses—red wine, white wine, beer, etc. The consistency in style will keep things looking well put together.}
- Everyday glasses
- Serving utensils {often times the style of silverware you choose will have options for matching serving utensils as well. Otherwise, get a couple of large spoons, a fork, and a cake cutter that all match and go well with your silverware.}

Kitchen Linens +

Accessories

- 8—kitchen hand towels {tip: 100% cotton ONLY, you want the towel to actually dry your dishes ☺}
- 8-10—kitchen washcloths {tip: I suggest getting white so you can bleach them regularly.}
- 2 oven mitts {tip: find ones that are truly protective and that aren't so bulky that you can't actually grab hot things with them. Try them out in the store.}
- Placemats
- Napkins
- Apron
- Table cloth

Small Kitchen Appliances

- Coffee maker
- Bread maker
- Blender
- Hand mixer
- Stand mixer
- Food processor
- Stick or Immersion Blender
- Juicer
- Crock pot {getting a larger one will allow you to make bigger meals for get-togethers or to freeze for leftovers. If that's not something you'll do, stick with the smaller size}
- Ice cream maker
- Waffle iron
- Toaster
- Microwave

- Rice cooker {I got the Cuisinart one that doubles as a steamer...I LOVE IT!!!}

Cleaning + Storage + etc.

- Dish rack
- Glass, food storage containers {in a variety of sizes and the amount that you would realistically use}
- Plastic, food storage containers {in a variety of sizes and the amount that you would realistically use}
- Pantry containers for dry food storage {like Le Parfait jars or OXO pop top containers}
- Pantry organizers
- Drawer organizers
- Fruit bowl
- Trash can
- Recycling bins {indoor}
- Compost pail {indoor}
- Water filter pitcher or Faucet filter
- Gift cards

Bed + Bath + Home Organization

Bedrooms

- 2 sets of sheets & pillowcases for each bed
- 1 coverlet and shams {duvet, comforter, quilt} for each bed
- 1 extra blanket for each bed {I've liked having plain white or ivory blankets because they're easy to pair with other colors.}
- Lamp
- Window coverings
- Gift cards

Bathrooms

- Shower curtain + liner
- Shower rod {if you don't already have one}
- Matching bath set {toothbrush holder + trashcan + soap dish, etc.}
- Baskets and organizers for storage {this is a good time to decide how you will organize your bathroom. Do you need drawer organizers for your makeup? Do you need a basket for spare rolls of toilet paper? Etc.}
- 6-8 large towels for the main bath + 4-6 large bath towels for the guest bathroom {100% cotton towels dry better}
- 4-6 hand towels for each bathroom
- 12 wash clothes for each bathroom

***Get the towels either all the same for all baths or very different so you can tell the difference in the wash. Makes sorting and storing your towels much easier.**

Home Organization

- Basket for blankets in the living room
- Storage in the laundry room {like laundry baskets + hampers}
- Pet organizing items {like a bucket to store pet food and baskets to store meds and treats}
- Home Office organizing items {this may be something to think about if you'll be working from home}

Garage + Yard

- Grill
- Grilling utensils
- Grilling extras {grates, grilling pans, etc.}
- Beach chairs
- beach umbrella
- 2-4 beach towels
- Lawnmower
- Weed-eater
- Leaf blower
- Gardening tools {rake, hoe, branch cutting tools, fertilizer spreader, etc.}
- Watering can
- Water hose + sprayer {a good, well-made hose and a sprayer with multiple click settings...so useful for gardening}
- Wheelbarrow
- Patio furniture + umbrella
- Rainwater collection barrel
- Composting barrel

- Ladder {choose a size you will actually need for projects around your home}
- Oil drip pan + car ramps {if you change car oil on your own}
- Tool box
- Work bench + stool
- Work lights
- Shop fan
- Hammer
- Stud-finder
- Mallet
- Drill
- Laser Level + regular level
- Tape measure {we have two and one is a longer length}
- Wrenches + adjustable wrenches
- Ratchets
- Screw drivers
- Pliers
- Extension cords
- Hand saw
- Shop vac

- Work gloves
- First aid kit
- Garage organizers {assess and measure your space to decide on shelving and bins}
- Large rolling trashcans {if your community doesn't provide those already}
- Items to create a recycling station
- Gift cards

Emergency Stuff

- Jumper cables
- Car tire changing items
- Flashlights {for the home and the car}
- Lanterns
- Fire extinguishers {one white kitchen fire and one red ABC...both in the kitchen}
- Carbon Monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- If you live in an area prone to blizzards, think of the items you'd need at home and in the car that are one time purchases.
- If you live in an area prone to hurricanes, think of the items you'd need at home that are one time purchases.