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Fast Facts

- The most popular candy for a candy buffet is jelly beans, M&Ms, sweet tarts, licorice and Skittles.
- Plan for at least 4-6 ounces or candy per guest
- Use boxes or crates to elevate some of the containers.
- Consider renting your containers to save money.

Add Your Personal Touch

Memorable weddings showcase your personality and involve your guests. Personal touches make guests feel like they witnessed two people in love at a wedding “that was so you”. Honor special guests, such as parents and the wedding party, and make sure that everyone feels like an important part of your celebration.

Consider a theme that is meaningful to you. Incorporate this theme with the invitation, reception décor, favors, music, cuisine, or attire. For example, two writers used stacked hard-cover books for centerpieces, read their favorite poems at the ceremony, designed the invitation like a book, and gave bookmarks as favors.

Most guests know one of you really well, but not the other. In the program, tell guests how you met; your something borrowed something blue; how you know the wedding party; or why you chose this ceremony location. Write a letter to each other if the thought of saying your own vows is overwhelming. Guests will also enjoy having something to read while waiting for the ceremony to start.

Create a web site that not only lists important wedding details, but also tells your love story. Enclose cards with your web address in your invitations.

Tie your grandmother’s wedding ring or fabric from your



mother’s wedding dress to your bouquet.

Create a slideshow of pictures to play in the background, show a video at your rehearsal dinner, or display your parent’s wedding pictures on your cake

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Themed Rehearsal Dinners

Get creative with your rehearsal dinner by picking a meaningful theme. Rehearsal dinners should be fun and give your wedding party a chance to meet each other. Here are some of our favorite ideas:

Mexican Fiesta: Get engaged in Mexico? Have a fiesta-themed dinner with fajitas, bright colors and pictures from your trip. Host the dinner at the restau-

rant where you had your first date. This could also work if you’re going to Mexico for your honeymoon or you have a Hispanic background.

Texas BBQ: The casual atmosphere of a BBQ cookout is a nice break from tomorrow’s formal wedding. Get relatives to make their favorite cookout treats such as coleslaw and

baked beans. You can come up with neat ways to decorate the serving table and display condiments. Think gingham, galvanized buckets, wildflowers and mason jars. A themed rehearsal dinner that showcases the city where you’re getting married is a nice treat for out-of-town guests. Don’t forget citronella candles and bug

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Use floral centerpieces as table numbers.

table. Include the guests in your pictures to make them feel included.

Instead of numbering your tables, name them for your favorite spots in the city, places you both enjoy, or great movies you have seen together — something meaningful to you. Decorate the groom's cake table to reflect his interests.

Crossword puzzles are so fun. Create crossword puzzles

using clues about each other for free at http://edhelper.com/crossword_free.htm. Place a puzzle in each chair and give a prize to the first guest to finish. This will also get your guests talking to each other!

If you love cherry cokes, set up a table and let guests pour their own colas. If you can't resist popcorn, have a popcorn buffet. Your guests will love these unique treats!

Have the DJ play a good oldie's song and invite all of the married couples to the dance floor. Then, the DJ asks couples to leave until the couple who's been married the longest is left. Ask them for their best marriage advice.

Incorporating personal touches and involving your guests will make your wedding stand out from the rest!

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spray to keep the mosquitoes away.

Tropical Theme: Headed to the beach for your honeymoon? Transform your dinner into your destination by hanging hammocks from trees in your backyard, serving dinner buffet-style on long surfboards and blending pina colodas and mar-

garitas. Play Jimmy Buffet and the Beach Boys in the background. For fun favor ideas, try personalized messages in glass bottles, flip-flops, or wet bikini bags.

Chinese Theme- If you love Chinese food, host an oriental-themed dinner. Hang lanterns from the ceiling, teach guests how

to fold origami and wrap favors in Chinese food take-out boxes. Serve egg rolls, rice and fortune cookies and give guests chopsticks to eat with.

For more themes, visit www.detailseventrental.com/rehearsal_dinners.



Candles create big bang for your buck.

Big Impact on a Budget

On a budget? Make candles your best friend. Candles are inexpensive and make a big impact, especially reflected from water, glass and gems. For a big impact centerpiece, hang votives from curly willow stems placed inside a large glass vase. Tie flowers to the stems to add color. Place candles around guest tables or inside cylinders or lanterns lining the entry. For more DIY centerpieces, visit our *Gallery* at detailseventrental.com.

Highlight one or two elements at the reception. If you love your cake, make it the center of attention by using a fancier table cloth or a canopy. Use elaborate centerpieces on half of the tables and smaller centerpieces on the others. By drawing attention to a few elements, you can save elsewhere.

Instead of a full bar, serve a signature cocktail. Display strawberries, olives, limes, and

other drink garnishes around the bar to add color. Have the drinks already poured into glasses when the guests arrive and displayed for a big color impact.

Even if you aren't serving filet mignon, you can make the serving table look like you are. Don't just set food out in chafing dishes, display it with style. For serving display ideas, visit our *Gallery* at detailseventrental.com.