

## **Candles and Weddings – Set the Mood with Candle-lite**

Weddings can be very different across cultures and religions but they all reaffirm the power of love. Couples striving for a romantic mood can achieve this with the use of decorative candles. A room glowing in candlelight is not only romantic but sets a warm, comfortable ambiance for all in attendance.

When using candles as décor for the wedding ceremony, you should strive to create a balance of scented and unscented candles. Most professionals recommend the use of unscented candles for centerpieces and flower arrangements, as the candles will never conflict with carefully selected floral arrangements and delectable menu choices.

When it comes to decorating with candles, the options are endless. Start by considering what will complement the wedding theme. Perhaps a simple centerpiece of pillar candles will do the trick on the dining tables. Maybe the sparkle of decorative candles in a floating centerpiece will give the desired magical feeling.

The candle colors you choose will also enhance your wedding theme. Soft whites and ivories will give off a traditional romantic feeling; or consider matching the candle colors to your wedding colors. Complete the theme with unique decorative elements! From pebbles and glitter to shells and faux gems, it's the little extras that make your candle arrangement stand out.

Aside from the appearance, color and style of the candle, choose a safe container and consider what decorations will surround your wedding centerpiece. Use votive candle cups, tealight candles and hurricanes glasses for a dramatic effect. No matter what candle holder you choose, make sure it is heat resistant, sturdy and large enough to hold a pool of melting wax.

Embellish elements in your ceremony location or reception hall with beautiful pillar candles, votive candles and tealight candles – all nestled in the perfect decorative candle holders! Even jar candles with beautiful decorative elements on the outside of the jar can become part of your wedding décor.

When creating candle centerpieces, as with flowers, an odd number of candles is recommended. Try to vary the candle circumference size, while keeping the candles above or below your guests' eye level. These steps will ensure easy conversation across the table. Always keep pillar candles in your arrangement at least 1 ½ inches apart. Any closer and the heat from one will melt the others.

When scented candles are given as gifts or favors, the wedding memories will continue even after the day has come to an end. Gift candles in basic shapes are easy to customize for your guests. Wrap the gift candle and add a personal note, quote or verse. Whether you choose pillar candles, jar candles, votives or tealight candles, each guest will take home a little warmth and love from your special day.

Decorative candles can make a big difference in the atmosphere of the event. Use them as a centerpiece, incorporate them with the flower arrangements or give them a special place in your wedding ceremony. Candles can also make great gifts for your guests, the wedding party or your parents. No matter how you use decorative candles on your special day, they will create the perfect mood for your guests!