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## **Gift Registry Suggestions (Weddings)**

HERE YOU'LL FIND:

**Suggested wording to be used when asking for money in lieu of a gift**  
**Money Poems**  
**Online gift and honeymoon registry ideas**

If a bridal couple finds that a monetary contribution would be more beneficial than gifts from a registry, we suggest careful phrasing in this regard.

Guests may take offence if a request for money in lieu of a gift is not appropriately worded.

We've put together a selection of recommended poems and requests that you may find useful.



### REQUESTING MONEY IN LIEU OF GIFTS

Mentioning that you would be honoured to receive a gift of cash in lieu of a gift is a polite choice of wording. Consider mentioning that contributions will go towards something specific. Mention your new home or something you'd like to do.

Wording example: If we are honoured with a gift from you, may we respectfully request a gift of vouchers for (mention an appropriate place) or a contribution towards (our honeymoon/furniture for our new home etc.).

Including banking details is acceptable.

It can be worded that a dedicated account has been set up etc. When requesting cash, ensure that a secure, designated area at the venue will be provided. You may want to mention this in the invitation. Guests will feel more comfortable knowing you will be guaranteed to receive their envelope!

Wishing wells and money trees are a popular alternative to a 'gifts table' when requesting money.



### MONEY REQUESTS AND POEMS

- 1) Instead of a gift with traditional style,  
A paper gift would go a mile.
- 2) Because at first we lived in sin,  
we have the sheets and rubbish bin.  
While a gift from you would be swell,  
please help us fill our wishing well.
- 3) Our house is equipped, we are truly blessed.  
If you are considering a gift,  
money would serve this purpose best.

- 4) If you were thinking of giving a gift to help us on our way, a gift of cash towards our move would really make our day. We hope you don't find our request to be funny but we really would prefer a gift of money.
- 5) Beautiful are dainty gifts, however, gifts in pennies remain priceless.  
(possibly accompanied by a personal message giving thanks for contributions etc.)
- 6) If you were thinking of giving a gift, to help us on our way,  
a gift of cash towards our house would really make our day.  
However, if you prefer to purchase a gift,  
feel free to surprise us in your own way.
- 7) When love is all you need we're full to the brim,  
but it's a practical world that we live in.  
So a gift of currency would mean a lot,  
to help us acquire what we haven't got.
- 8) We made a commitment some time ago  
that together through life we were destined to go.  
We purchased our furniture, linen and bedding,  
in the fulfilling years leading up to our wedding.  
What else we might need is not easy to foresee,  
but what might help us in the future is a deposit on our Money Tree.
- 9) As we are already established, we would appreciate a monetary gift.  
It will contribute towards the bigger things we need.  
Should you prefer this option a money tree will be provided at the Reception.
- 10) Love the joy of choosing gifts?  
Wrap the chosen captive?  
If thoughts elude in this regard  
... money is attractive!
- 11) Money doesn't grow on trees...  
We're sure you get the drift.  
It will, however, pave our way  
'blooming' as our gift!
- 12) The greatest thing that you could give  
Is to share with us our day  
But if you were thinking of a gift  
Please consider what we have to say  
Our house needs repairs and upgrades too  
But you cannot register for paint and glue  
A gift box will be there on the day  
Should you wish to bless us in this way.
- 13) Our worldly possessions are plentiful as such,  
On our wedding present list there really isn't much,  
A gift of currency is all we ask,  
To help us with our lifelong task.
- 14) We'd love to have you with us when we say 'I do'!!  
Your presence, over presents, is wonderful in our view  
But if we're honoured with a gift from you, we'd be pleased if you wished us well,  
As you make a donation into our wedding wishing well.
- 15) While wedding presents are so nice  
your "presence" surely will suffice  
but if you wish to give as well  
please donate to our wishing well

- 16) If finding a gift is hard to do  
our wishing well is just for you!  
A gift of money is placed in the well,  
then make a wish but do not tell!  
If it is however a gift you find,  
please feel assured, we will not mind.
- 17) Soon you will hear our wedding bell,  
As Friends and family wish us well.  
Our household thoughts are not brand new,  
We have twice the things we need for two.  
Since we have our share of dishes and bedding,  
We're having instead a wishing well wedding.  
But more important we ask of you,  
your thoughts of love and blessings too!
- 18) We can't take gifts back home, for we live so far away  
and so we've decided on a Wishing Well for our special day.
- We'd be honoured to receive a monetary gift for our new life together.  
We'd like you to make a wish as well, this we'll certainly treasure.  
Enclosed you'll find a contribution card to bring along on the day.  
Drop it in our Well as you wish us on our way!



### Online Gift Registries

Various online gift registries are also an option to consider.  
You can select items, varying from small household items to larger items such as furniture,  
where guests can make contributions towards the items you have selected.  
Guest can even make contributions towards your dream honeymoon or purchase vouchers  
for various activities and treats for you to enjoy.

A few to consider:

[www.weddinggiftlist.co.za](http://www.weddinggiftlist.co.za)  
[www.mygiftregistry.co.za](http://www.mygiftregistry.co.za)  
[www.thegiftcompany.co.za](http://www.thegiftcompany.co.za)  
[www.thegiftregistry.co.za](http://www.thegiftregistry.co.za)  
[www.sagiftregistry.co.za](http://www.sagiftregistry.co.za)  
[www.yuppiechef.co.za](http://www.yuppiechef.co.za)  
[www.silverribbon.co.za](http://www.silverribbon.co.za)  
[www.underwraps.co.za](http://www.underwraps.co.za)  
[www.thewineregistry.co.za](http://www.thewineregistry.co.za)  
[www.travelcounsellors.co.za/Bridal-Registry](http://www.travelcounsellors.co.za/Bridal-Registry)  
[www.makeourhoneymoon.co.za](http://www.makeourhoneymoon.co.za)



*We hope you find these suggestions useful.  
Please also refer to our wording suggestions page for invitation wording.*