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Letter from the Editors

Dear Brides to Be,

There's nothing more stressful than planning your own wedding. From picking out flowers to choosing the songs you'll dance to, there are so many little details that go into making your big day perfect. By creating some of the decorations yourself, you can save a little money and make sure that everything turns out the way that you envisioned. You'll find an amazing array of different do-it-yourself wedding projects in this free eBook. Forget splurging on fancy boutonnieres or expensive backdrops; we've got wonderful and creative ideas that will allow you to put your own personal touch on your wedding.

This eBook is filled with step-by-step tutorials to show you how you can have the wedding of your dreams without blowing your budget. Find new and exciting ways to create your own bouquet, jazz up your altar, and decorate the ceremony space. This is one DIY wedding guide that you are not going to want to miss, and once you've printed it out, you'll definitely never let it go.

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The Editors of AllFreeDIYWeddings.com

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How to Make a Bouquet

How to Make a Bouquet

By: [Maegan from ...Love Maegan](#)



Save a ton of money on your big day by making your own bouquet. This comprehensive tutorial on How to Make a Bouquet gives general pointers, which means that you can use your favorite flowers and still accomplish the same stunning result. While florists charge outrageous amounts to create beautiful arrangements, you can walk down the aisle carrying an equally eye-catching bouquet for much less. Since this technique is so quick and simple, you can also create bouquets for all of the bridesmaids. Use different flowers so that yours stands out. It is best to do this the day of, but it will stay in the refrigerator over night.

Materials:

- Flowers of choice (bouquet shown: 2 peonies, 12 white roses, Queen Anne's lace)
- Waterproof floral tape and white floral tape
- Scissors
- Ribbon of choice
- Floral pins

Instructions:

1. Remove leaves from stems.





2. Begin with the flowers you wish to use in the center of your bouquet, and using your green/waterproof floral tape, bind them together. You will start from the center and work your way out.



3. Fill in the nooks and crannies with Queen Anne's lace, and tape it all together. Below is the side and top view of this step.



4. Add two white roses in between each set of Queen Anne's lace, and tape it together. Below is the side and top view of this step.



5. Continue to add the green Queen Anne's lace and white roses to fill in the rest of the open areas and level down to create a round feel. Tape together.



- Using the white tape, wrap or "mummify" the base, covering all the green tape and creating a bit of a thicker handle.



- Using your ribbon, begin at the center, wrapping up then all the way down. Use pins where necessary but in a pleasing manner. With smaller ribbon, you'll use them in a straight row down, but with large ribbon, use a few at the top and then create a little design at the bottom to hold it in place.



- When pinning from the bottom, push in and up, and when pinning from the top, push in and down to secure ribbon, but also so your bride doesn't have bloody hands from pin pricks.



- Cut stems to desired length.



Felt and Button Bouquet Tutorial

By: [Dom from Crafted](#)



This DIY bouquet is perfect for the truly crafty bride. Learn how to make your own bouquet with this Felt and Button Bouquet Tutorial. You can embroider your felt flowers for a detailed look, or you can keep your DIY bouquet simple. You could even search for vintage buttons for a special touch. This DIY bouquet may take some time, but it's worth the effort. The best part of this Felt and Button Bouquet Tutorial is that you can keep it forever.

Materials:

- Felt
- Embroidery thread
- Buttons
- Dowel rod
- Foam ball
- Scissors
- Needle
- Pins
- Jewelry pliers (nippers and pointed nose)
- Wire
- UHU all-purpose glue
- Tiger Grip (any glue that won't dissolve foam)

Instructions:

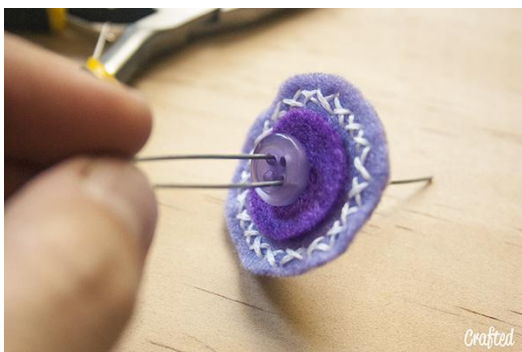
1. Cut out two circles, one smaller than the other. Add your embroidery work to the edge. This could join the two circles together or it could just be on the outer circle like the one you see here.



2. Cut a length of wire about 20cm and bend making a "J" shape.



3. Hold the button in place, and attach all pieces by poking the wire through the button holes.
Tip: It can be difficult to push the wire through the felt. To make this easier, first poke holes in the felt with the needle before adding the wire.





4. Fold the wire flat to the back of the circle.



5. Use the longer piece of wire to strengthen the felt flower and stop it from flopping too far from the button. Bend the shorter piece to stick out, like you can see here. This stem will then poke into the foam ball.



6. Repeat steps one through five to make as many flowers as you need to fill your foam ball. The number will vary based upon the size of the flowers and the size of the ball.



7. Use your Stanley knife to cut one side from your foam ball. It is up to you how much you cut off. The more you leave on the ball the rounder your bouquet will be.



8. Begin by poking your flowers into the ball, starting from the flat bottom and working your way up.



9. Cut four wide leaf shapes from a sheet of felt. The number of leaf/petal shapes you need will depend on the size of your ball and how large you want your leaves. Use pins to attach the leaves to the flat side of the ball. Fold a small kink in the middle to make it look a little more "leaf like."





10. Poke a hole in the center of the foam ball with the dowel rod.



11. Cut a circle of felt matching the color of your leaves. Stick this over the base covering all of those ugly pins.



12. Use your knife to carefully cut the foam where you made the hole earlier. Use a bit of glue and stick the dowel in.



13. Cover the handle in felt. Glue one end of a sheet of felt to the dowel rod. The sheet needs to be the width of the dowel rod. The longer the felt, the fatter the handle will get.



14. Just to finish off the bouquet and give it a more professional look, cut a circle of felt to the size of the handle base and stick it on.



Flower power! We have tons more [flower crafts](#) to share.





Bridal Bouquet Tutorial

By: [Jennifer for The Budget Savvy Bride](#)



Make sure that your wedding day is all your own with the help of the Bridal Bouquet Tutorial! Save money on flowers by putting the bouquets on your list of things to make for a wedding, and personalize your arrangements in style. These stunning bouquets are a wonderful way to bring your family and friends together, and by making them a group project, you can spread the joy of wedding inspiration even further. Gather your bridesmaids and get together for a day of crafting that you'll all remember.

Materials:

- Brooches and pins
- Fabric (satin, organza, tulle, lace)
- Hot glue gun and hot glue
- Needle and thread
- ½ circle foam floral ball
- Plastic floral holder (without the handle)
- Wooden dowels
- Lots of pearl-headed pins
- Satin ribbon
- Pearl strands

Instructions:

1. Take the wooden dowel and shove it into the center of the ½ circle floral ball.
2. Cover the ½ circle foam floral ball with satin and pin it all together on the bottom. It doesn't have to look pretty.
3. Put hot glue on the top of the wooden dowel and down the side, and put it into the already-made hole in the center.



4. Push the plastic flower holder base around the dowel and up to the satin-covered foam ball. Hot glue the edges of the satin piece to the flower base, and then glue around the bottom where the wood dowel comes out. Cover the dowel in fabric. Your base is now complete.



5. Next make the flowers. Use your favorite fabric-flowers technique.



6. Pin the flowers onto the satin to just arrange them first, and then proceed to divvy up the brooches and start sewing and hot gluing, ultimately using pearl-headed pins to attach the flowers (backed up with hot glue).



Gorgeous Crochet Bouquet

By: [Maize Hutton](#)



Flowers wilt but yarn lasts forever, so make your bouquet last as long as your love with the Gorgeous Crochet Bouquet. Learn how to make your own bouquet that can be handed down from generation to generation with this easy-to-follow crochet flower pattern. Guests will be in awe over your stunning handmade forever bouquet. Whether you make it yourself or someone special makes it for you, this darling bouquet is sure to be one of your favorite touches. Match the yarn to your wedding colors for an extra-personalized feel. Walking down the aisle will be even better with this bouquet to have and to hold.

Materials:

- Styrofoam ball
- Lace fabric
- Hot glue gun
- Styrofoam cone
- Yarn, varied weights
- White ball pins

Instructions:

Tip: Use different weights of yarn, even embroidery thread and differently sized hooks to make the flowers different sizes.

For the flowers:

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Into the ring: 1SC, CH2, 2DC, CH2, 1SC, *CH2, 2DC, CH2, 1SC*, repeat from *to* 3 more times. SLP ST into ring and fasten off. Pull the ring tight.

For the leaves:

1. CH 8. In second CH from hook, SC. In next CH 1 HDC. 1 DC in next 3 CH. In next CH, 2 HDC. In last CH 1 SC.
2. Turn to crochet on the other side of the leaf. 1 SC in the last CH you just SC in.
3. In next CH 1 HDC, 1 DC in next 3 CH, then one HDC in next CH and 1 SC in last CH.
4. Fasten off.

Assemble:

1. Cut a Styrofoam ball in half, and then cover it in lace using a hot glue gun.
2. Use white ball pins to attach each flower onto the Styrofoam ball.
3. Cover a Styrofoam cone in lace and glue to the bottom of the Styrofoam ball as the "stems."

We love unexpected ideas like the crochet bouquet. Here are 48 more creative wedding ideas that no one else has done!



Exotically Vibrant DIY Bouquet

Photograph by [Sweet Little Photographs](#)



We are in love with this smashing bouquet, but paying for a florist to put it together could mean big bucks. In true AllFreeDIYWeddings fashion, we figured out the ingredients to this stunner so that you can enjoy it on your big day without the financial burden. The hardest part about making your own bouquet is identifying the flowers that you've got your eye on. We've done that grunt work for you and have found the names of these ravishing blooms. This incredible DIY bouquet is the perfect summer wedding accessory. Pick up the necessary materials, consult the tutorial on How to Make a Bouquet ([page 6](#)), and get ready to wow the crowd with your Exotically Vibrant DIY Bouquet.

1. Light Pink Peony
2. Green Trick Dianthus
3. Succulent
4. Gloriosa Lily
5. White Veronica
6. Craspedia
7. Orange Celosia
8. Apricot Ranunculus
9. Silver Brunia Balls
10. Orange Protea Pin Cushion
11. Hot Pink Cabbage Roses



How to Make a Boutonniere



Nautical Rope Boutonnieres

By: [Jen from Something Turquoise](#)



It's no secret that men look good in uniform. Make your groom and groomsmen attire sea-worthy with this no-sew DIY wedding boutonniere. These Nautical Rope Boutonnieres can be made two different ways, so you can pick the look that fits your style. These DIY boutonnieres are sure to add a classic touch to any beach-themed wedding. These DIY wedding crafts are also a great alternative for the bride that doesn't want to use too many flowers for her wedding.

Materials:

For ribbon and rope:

- Your choice of ribbon
- Nautical-looking craft rope
- Fabri-tac fabric glue

For rope and button:

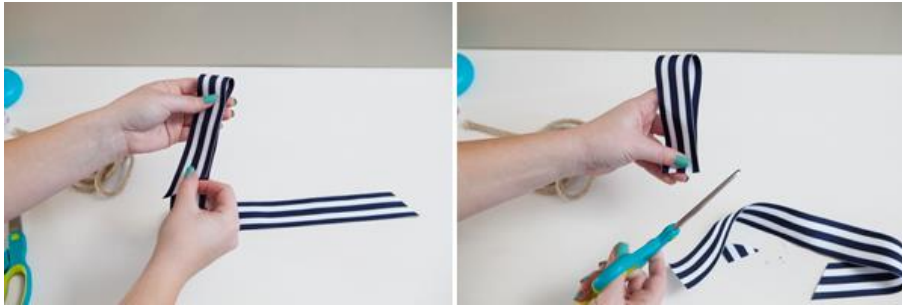
- Thick nautical craft rope
- A classy-looking button
- E600 glue and Fabri-tac fabric glue



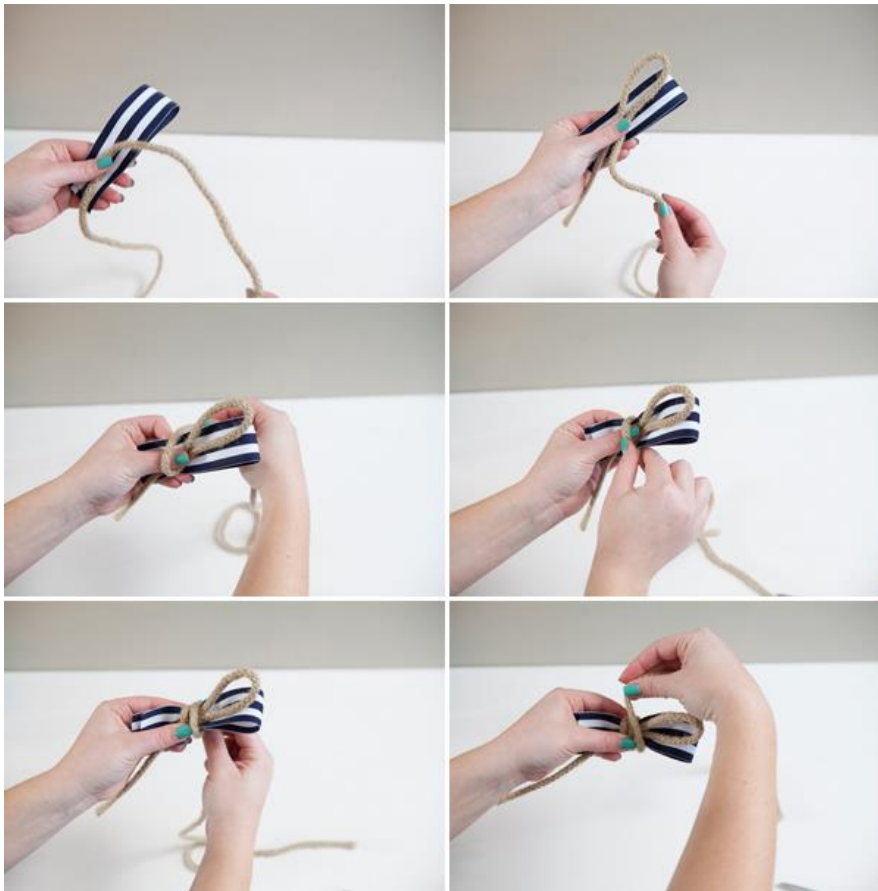
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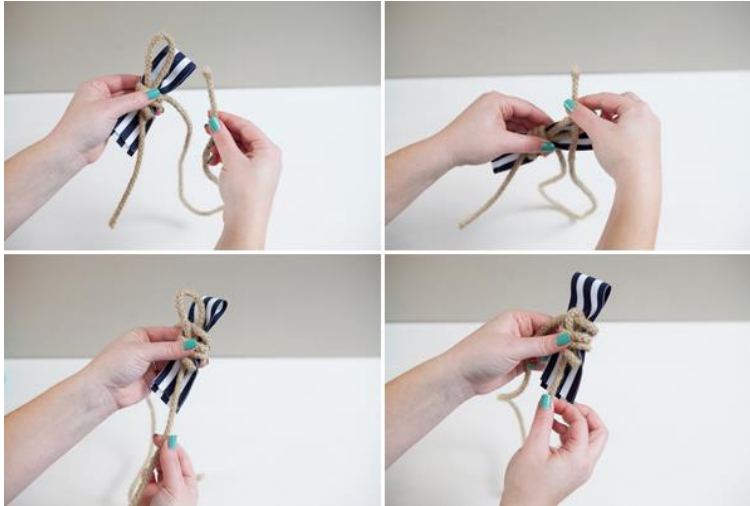
For ribbon and rope:

1. Start by cutting about 12" of ribbon, or 6" folded in half.



2. Tie the heaving knot around the ribbon. Start with a loop up against the ribbon. Take the right side of the rope and wrap it around itself and the ribbon three times, and then place the end of the rope through the beginning loop, and pull the opposite end of the rope tight – adjust your knot as needed.





3. Once the knot is pulled tight, cut each of the ends of the rope about 3/4" past the knot itself. Some ribbon will fray, and you will need to glue the ends a bit, as shown further below. Also cut the ends of your ribbon at a point. Slightly pull the ends of the ribbon apart to make the cut stand out.

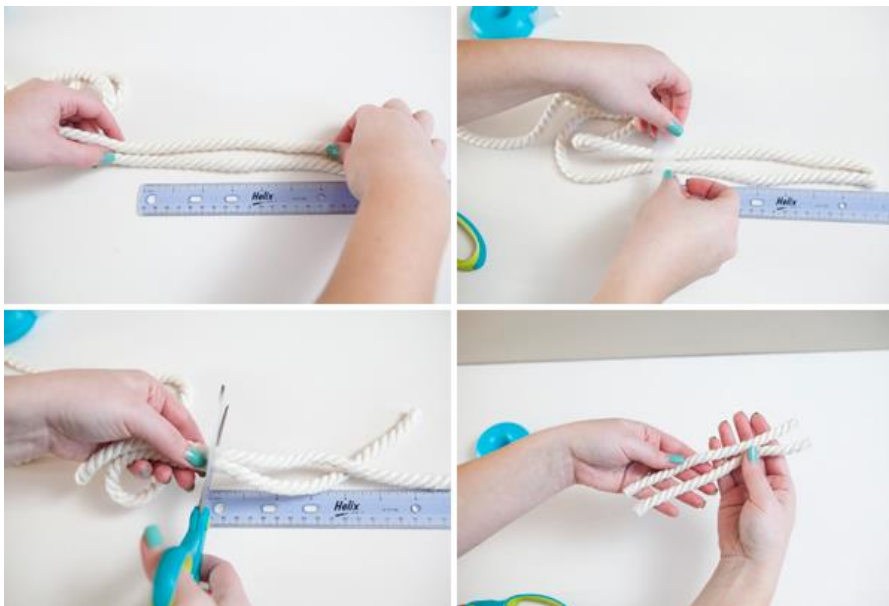


- Using the super strong Fabri-tac glue, work around the knot and the ribbon, adding a bit of glue here and there to make it secure – and if your ends fray, make sure to add a bit of glue to them as well.



For rope and button:

- Start by cutting two 7" lengths of your nautical rope. Before you cut this type of rope, it is best to wrap each piece with tape, and then cut right across the tape. This holds the fraying area together and will give you a chance to glue it before it frays. To find out if your ribbon frays or not, cut a little bit off the end of your rope and see what happens.



2. Tie the square knot. Start by looping both pieces of your rope, insert the loop in your right hand into the loop in your left, and then stick the ends of your left loop into the loop in your right hand, and pull the ends through.





3. Because of the fraying issue, tape each end before you cut it. Then cut across the tape, leaving about an inch of rope for each little end.



4. With the tape still on each end, dab a bit of Fabri-tac glue onto the tip of each rope end. Tap it with your finger to spread the glue around a little. Then add glue inside your knot to secure it.



5. While your knot is drying, you can apply your decorative button. Add a nice size squirt of E6000 glue to the middle of your knot and press your classy nautical button into the glue. Let dry completely; depending on your amount of glue this could be a few hours.



6. Remove the tape on the ends of your rope. You don't want the rope to fray, so it is easiest to cut the tape a few times and gently pull all the little pieces off instead of just pulling the whole strip of tape off.



Golden Arrow Boutonnieres

By: [Michele from Michele Ng](#)



Learn how to make unique boutonnieres with these awesome DIY wedding crafts. The Golden Arrow Boutonnieres add a touch of flair to groom and groomsmen attire, and they are an interesting option if you choose to forgo flowers in your wedding decorations. These DIY boutonnieres aren't made with your average feathers; you'll be surprised when you find out what materials you need. The Golden Arrow Boutonnieres are a cross between classic and unconventional.

Materials:

- Shuttlecock
- Gold liquid gilding
- Brush
- Thin gold wire
- Safety pin

Instructions:

1. To get the feathers out of the shuttlecock, cut all the connecting strings. Pull the feathers out.



2. To make them gold, dip them in gold liquid gilding and use a brush to even it out.



3. Leave them out to dry.



4. Once dry, pick out two feathers.
5. Use some thin wire to bind the feathers together.



6. Use one hand to hold the joints together and the other hand to wrap the wire around. Try to wrap around the different joints to hold it down securely, the same way you would with making a basic kite joint.



7. Grab a safety pin (the smaller the better so it won't leave too big of a hole on clothes), and leave yourself some wire to secure the pin to the feathers.
8. Leave the safety pin open so it's easier to wrap the wire around. Go through the eyelet at the base of the pin several times and the body of the pin too. Wrap until it is secure.



Gold is so hot right now, which means this boutonniere is right on trend. Here is an entire collection of [gold wedding crafts](#).





Elegant Origami Boutonniere Tutorial

By: [Ronda from Crafty Wedding](#)



Creating a custom look for your groom and groomsmen attire doesn't have to be a difficult process, especially when you use this Elegant Origami Boutonniere Tutorial. While this Elegant Origami Boutonniere Tutorial uses paper flowers, you could easily adapt this boutonniere idea for small silk flowers. The best part of this Elegant Origami Boutonniere Tutorial is that you'll see every step from start to finish. Your DIY boutonnieres will look so stunning that no one will know they weren't done by a professional.

Materials:

- Floral wire: 18 gauge for the "stem"
- Jewelry wire for wiring your beads (gauge depends on the size of the hole in your beads)
- 5 glass teardrop beads
- Leaves, tulle, or fabric/ribbon for the backing (optional)
- Cocktail stirrers/straws
- Floral tape or wasabi tape and ribbon optional)
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- [Kusudama flowers](#) -2" squares
- Pliers

Instructions:

1. Assuming you already have the flower made, you'll need to string your beads for the center of your flower. Cut your jewelry wire about 2-3" long. You'll need one wire for each bead.



2. Thread the wire through the bead and bend over about an inch and twist your wire tightly to hold the bead. Do this for each bead.



3. Grab all five of the wired beads, and, keeping them even on top, twist the wires so they are all connected together. You'll then want to twist in an 18 gauge floral wire. The floral wire will be your stem. The beading wire is just not strong enough on its own.



4. With the beaded wire and floral wire all twisted with one another, thread these through the center opening of your flower.
5. Cut your cocktail straw down to the desired size. The cut straw needs to be a tad shorter than the floral wire on the flower. The straw will serve to thicken up the stem of your boutonniere and give the tape/ribbon something to cling to.



6. Thread the wires through the straw. You should have some floral wire sticking out of the end of the straw. Bend it up over the straw. This will hold everything nice and tight.



7. You may want to put a touch of glue at the base of the flower where it meets the stem for added stability. At this point, wrap the stem in floral tape; just be sure to wrap tightly around the base of the flower and get all the way to the bottom of the stem.



- There are lots of things one can use as a background for the flower. Options: craft leaves, circle of tulle, leaf from a plastic plant, or leaf made from paper.
- Lay your flower, and center it on your background piece. Secure it with floral tape. If your leaf is bigger than the base of the flower, pinch it in on both sides and then wrap with tape.



- Finish off the stems with organza ribbon to prevent the boutonnieres from being sticky. Place a dot of hot glue on the back of the boutonniere, where the flower meets the stem, and wrap all the way to the bottom. A spot of hot glue on the tip of the end holds the ribbon in place.



- Use a pair of small pliers to curl up the end of the boutonniere.





Twisted Twine Boutonniere

By: [Shannon from Sewing Barefoot](#)



This silk flower boutonniere idea is a simple way to get a rustic touch for your groom and groomsmen attire. Learn how to make a boutonniere with this easy-to-follow tutorial. This easy DIY wedding craft won't break your budget. You can use any dainty silk flowers for the Twisted Twine Boutonniere to customize it to your wedding style. This DIY wedding boutonniere is so sturdy that it will look just as elegant at the end of the wedding as it did at the beginning.

Materials:

- A few flowers, twigs, etc.
- A hot glue gun
- Floral tape
- Twine
- Pin back

Instructions:

1. Start by arranging your flowers, twigs, etc. in the way you think they'll look best. A layered look is a terrific way to go. Once they are arranged, wrap the bottoms of them with floral tape.
2. Using your hot glue gun, slowly wrap the twine around the base of the flowers to cover the floral tape.
3. Once you've wrapped to the desired height, make a bow with some leftover twine and glue it onto your boutonniere. Glue on your pin back, and you're finished!



What to Wear to a Wedding



Timeless Tie Clips

By: [Esther from Wholly Kao](#)



Personalize your groom and groomsmen attire with these Timeless Tie Clips. These DIY wedding projects are great homemade gift ideas for guys. Timeless Tie Clips are a great unifying accessory for your groomsmen on your wedding day. Your groomsmen will love bragging about their Timeless Tie Clips when they wear them out and about after your wedding, and they'll appreciate the thoughtful, personal touch. Plus, you'll get to brag about how handy you are when your guys find out you made these Timeless Tie Clips yourself.

Materials:

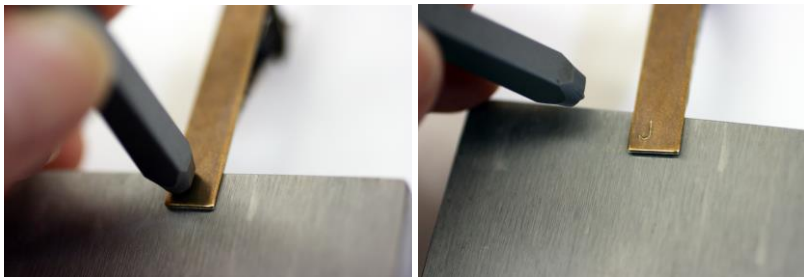
- Alphabet stamps
- Hammer
- Steel block
- Tie clip blank
- Black acrylic paint
- Paper towels

Instructions:

1. Start off by lining the edge of the tie clip flush to the edge of the steel block. The part of the clip that hangs over onto the steel block is how big your personalization area is. You can fit up to four letters, depending on how closely you space them together.



2. Carefully line up your first letter stamp and hold it firmly in place. Make sure your letter isn't upside down before hammering! Hammer the initial into the tie clip. You may need to do this a bunch of times since the metal is pretty thick. Do this for your remaining letters, being careful to line them all up so they're not crooked.



3. Once the letters are done, you'll want to darken them with some paint so they show up better. Put a dab of black acrylic paint onto a paper towel, and then dab it onto the tie clip. Rub the paint in, so that it fills the crevices of the stamped out letters. Then use a clean paper towel and wipe off the excess paint.



4. Buff up the tie clip, and put that awesome tie clip in a box. Now all you have to do is find a bow for the top!

No-Tie Bow Tie

By: [Jenna from A Bird's Leap](#)



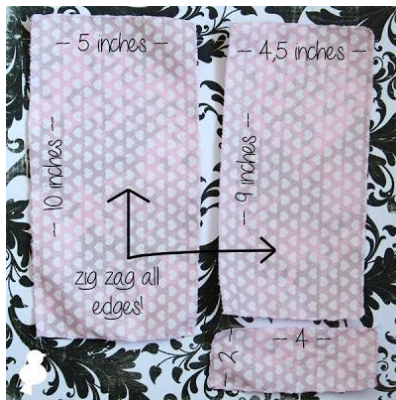
Does your man have trouble tying his ties? If you want to see your future husband in a bow tie on your wedding day, try this simple and whimsical sewing project. The No-Tie Bow Tie is a simple sewing project for groom and groomsmen attire. You can make the No-Tie Bow Tie with any fabric, so you can get your groom in exactly the look you want. The No-Tie Bow Tie is an easy sewing project for the DIY bride that wants to save money on wedding attire.

Materials:

- Scrap fabric
- Elastic band
- Method of sewing

Instructions:

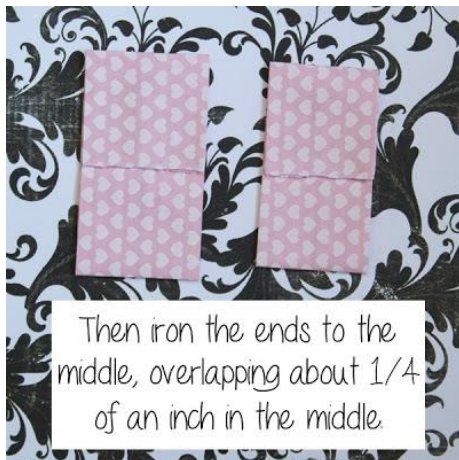
1. Start by cutting one piece of fabric into a 5"x10" rectangle, another into 4.5"x9" rectangle, and a third into a 4"x2" rectangle. Zig zag stitch all of the edges.



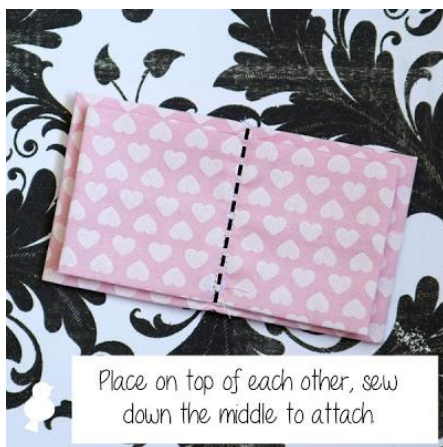
2. Fold both edges towards the middle, iron.



3. Iron the ends to the middle, overlapping about 1/4 of an inch in the middle.



4. Place the smaller rectangle on top of the larger, and sew down the middle to attach.



5. Fold at the middle, pretty side inwards.



6. Then fold the edges halfway back.



7. Make a few stitches by hand to make it stay together. You can make the stitches at the back or front (or both). The bow will behave a bit differently depending on your choice.



8. Take the final rectangle (the smallest piece), and fold at the middle, iron. Sew along the edge, first straight, then zigzag. Turn it seam-side inwards.



9. Iron it like in the photo below, with the seam closed, inwards and in the middle. The seam itself is inside the "tube."



10. Check how long the loop should be with elastic inside. At this point, have the seam-line facing outwards.



11. Pin it to your elastic band and sew with zig zag. Remember to have the seam-line facing outwards so it won't show once you turn the loop out.



12. After sewing, turn the loop inside out so the elastic band and seam are on the inside of the loop.
13. Pull the bow through the loop.



14. Sew snap-ons onto the end of the elastic.



I Do Something Blue Soled Shoes

By: [Allee Marderosian and Lauri Eaton for I Love to Create](#)



This is one adorable project you'll be happy to add to your list of things to make for a wedding. The Graceful Flower Girl Basket is an easy and budget-friendly DIY wedding craft. You can decorate the Graceful Flower Girl Basket to match your bouquet, or you can easily make your own fabric flowers. If you're running short on time, you can skip the sewing and glue instead. Your flower girl will be absolutely thrilled when she sees this charming basket.

Materials:

- Tulip Soft® Fabric Paint -Cool Blue (15794)
- Tulip® Cordless Heat Setting Tool™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™ Sapphire
- Paper towels
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- 120-grit sandpaper
- Pair of white heels
- Masking tape

Instructions:

1. Use sand paper to carefully rough the bottom of shoes where painting will be done. Use masking tape to tape off edges.
2. Use Soft® Paint in Cool Blue to paint bottom of shoes. Let dry.
3. With pencil, lightly sketch "I" on left sole, and "Do" on right sole.
4. With heat-setting tool, apply Sapphire crystals to sketched letters.

Perfect Pocket Squares

By: [Stacey from Boy, Oh Boy, Oh Boy!](#)



Customize your groom and groomsmen attire with these Perfect Pocket Squares. You can choose one of two styles for your Perfect Pocket Squares, and you can make them with any fabric you choose. Go formal by using fabric that's silky and luxurious, or go for a fun look by choosing bright, busy patterns. Ambitious DIY brides could even turn these easy sewing projects into homemade thank you gifts for the groomsmen by adding a personal monogram.

Materials:

- Fat quarter of silk, voile, or quilting cotton
- Coordinating thread
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Iron
- Bias tape

Instructions:

Method 1:

1. Cut your fabric into a 14"x14" square.



2. Press each side of your square $\frac{1}{4}$ " , to the wrong side, and then again another $\frac{1}{4}$ " .



3. Unfold and mark a triangle on each corner where the $\frac{1}{4}$ " lines intersect. Cut and repeat for each corner.



4. Fold and press each corner in $\frac{1}{4}$ " and re-press the first $\frac{1}{4}$ " line. Now fold and press the second $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on each side. When two sides come together you should have a nicely mitered corner. If needed, place a pin to hold the corners.



5. Now, sew around each edge, making sure to hold each corner as you remove the pin and pivot around each corner.



Method 2:

1. Cut your fat quarter down to a 13"x 13" square, and use a serger or overlock/satin stitch (on your regular machine) to finish the edges.



Method 3:

1. Cut your fat quarter down to a 13"x 13" square. Press $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side on one end of your bias tape. Open bias binding tape and pin, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " of tape as a "tail."





2. Start sewing $\frac{1}{2}$ " into the tape, along the edge, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, back stitching at the beginning.



3. When you are $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the corner, back stitch, pivot the material, and sew out to the edge, back stitching again.



4. Fold the bias tape over the edge and back again to form a triangle. Start sewing again along the next edge, back stitching at the beginning. This will form your mitered corner. Continue until you reach the beginning of the "tail."



5. Overlap the bias tape, making sure to fold the "tail" under $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Continue sewing along the edge, and back stitch once you meet the beginning of the seam.



6. Fold the bias tape around to the wrong side of the fabric, and press. Now, top stitch the bias tape in place, back stitching at the beginning and end.

*Not much of a sewist?
Here is a [no-sew bow tie](#) option!*



Stunning Applique Sash

By: [Laura from Trash to Couture](#)



Save money on wedding accessories with this Stunning Applique Sash. This easy sewing project is the perfect way to add a touch of glamor to your wedding dress without overpaying for a store bought sash. You could even embellish your bridesmaids' dresses with this Stunning Applique Sash. Just add ribbon to the sides of the appliqué by sewing. This simple sewing project is versatile enough to use even after your wedding is over, and you'll love how little time this Stunning Applique Sash takes to make.

Materials:

- Ribbon
- Appliqué

Instructions:

1. Just add ribbon to the sides of the appliqué by sewing. Check the trim sections at craft/fabric stores or even thrift stores.





Fun Wedding Ideas

Stunning and Simple I Do Ring Dish

By: [Suzie Shinseki for I Love to Create](#)



Let your rings come down the aisle almost as glamorously as you do in the Stunning and Simple I Do Ring Dish. This pretty ring dish is easy to make, but it will be one of your favorite aspects of your big day. Keep the memory on display by using it in your home once the big day is over. Match the ribbon to your wedding colors for a truly customized feel. If you want to make the dish even more personal, use the same technique to write your fiance and your new monogram instead of I do. It's fun to come up with ring bearer ideas that others haven't done to make your day unique, and this creative homemade dish does just that.

Materials:

- New Bisque Designs -Ring Bowl 4" x 4" x .75" (31234)
- Thin 'n Shade™
- Signature Brushes -SB 807 No. 6 Fan Glaze
- Duncan® French Dimensions™ -FD 258 Pure White
- Duncan® Pure Brilliance® Clear Glaze
- Container for water
- Potter's sponge
- Paper towel
- Tracing paper, one sheet 8½" x 11"
- Pencil
- [Pattern](#)



Instructions:

1. Wipe ware with damp sponge to remove bisque dust.
2. Use pencil, pattern and tracing paper to transfer pattern to dish.
3. Squeeze out French Dimensions Pure White on paper towel to test fluidity.
4. Use Pure White to trace over the "I do" in the center of the dish. Next add scalloped border design. Let dry well.
5. Carefully dab a coat of Pure Brilliance over the raised design on plate with brush. Let dry and then add a second coat. Repeat on the back of dish. Let dry.
6. Stilt in kiln and fire to cone 06.

This ring dish is such a fun gift for the lovely couple! Here are some other [great gift ideas](#).





Darling Doily Ring Bearer Pillow

By: [Esther from Wholly Kao](#)



Go to Grandma for this special DIY wedding craft! The Darling Doily Ring Bearer Pillow is a great way to add some vintage flair to your wedding ceremony. Simply grab a large doily and a classic brooch and get sewing. The Darling Doily Ring Bearer Pillow is easier to make than you might think. You can coordinate this simple sewing project to your wedding colors by finding fabric that matches. Adorn this Darling Doily Ring Bearer Pillow with ribbon for a finishing touch.

Materials:

- Small pillow
- Lace doilies
- Embellishments (pearls, brass buttons) to sew onto the pillow
- A brooch, for the pillow's centerpiece
- Ribbon
- Needle and thread
- Pins
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Center your doily on the pillow, and pin it in place. Then sew the doily onto the pillow. Try to use invisible stitches, because it'll make the whole pillow look a lot cleaner. Make sure you sew all the edges down, too.



2. Once the doily is fastened in place, it is time to embellish it with buttons and pearls. Put little pearls on the four corners of the pillow; you can also use them to accent the pattern on the doily.



3. Lastly, secure the brooch to the center of the pillow. If your brooch already had loops for the ribbon, thread the ribbon through and then attach it as one piece to the pillow. If yours doesn't, you can sew the ribbon to the pillow first, and then use your needle and thread to secure the brooch on top of it.



Graceful Flower Girl Basket

By: [Morena from Morena's Corner](#)



This is one adorable project you'll be happy to add to your list of things to make for a wedding. The Graceful Flower Girl Basket is an easy and budget-friendly DIY wedding craft. You can decorate the Graceful Flower Girl Basket to match your bouquet, or you can easily make your own fabric flowers. If you're running short on time, you can skip the sewing and glue instead. Your flower girl will be absolutely thrilled when she sees this charming basket.

Materials:

- Tulle (white and a color of your choice)
- Basket
- Hot glue gun
- Small white beads
- Scissors

Instructions:

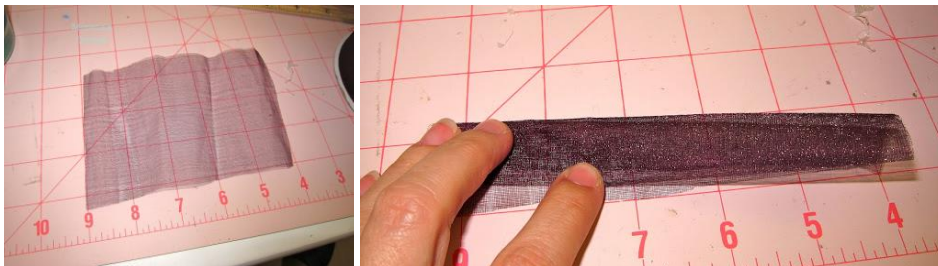
1. Measure the length from the top of the basket to the bottom, and then add 1". Wrap the tulle several times, and then cut one end.



2. Twist the folded end twice, and use hot glue to adhere it to the basket.



3. Once the basket is surrounded in white tulle, start making the rosettes. Cut a 5"x4" piece of tulle, and fold it in half lengthwise twice.



4. Roll into a rosette and hot glue over the tops of the tulle.



5. Add beads with glue to make centers for the rosettes.



Adorable Assembled Paper Fans

By: [Lauren from Flat Broke Bride](#)



An outdoor wedding usually means your guests will have to fight the heat, but these DIY wedding programs will keep them cool. These Adorable Assembled Paper Fans are easy-to-customize, functional paper crafts that won't break the bank. Use each piece of the Adorable Assembled Paper Fans to detail something special about your wedding day. The more pieces you use, the bigger your fan will be when it's spread open. After the ceremony, your guests can collapse these fun wedding programs to easily take them home as a keepsake.

Materials:

- Cardstock Printer
- Scissors
- Paper fasteners or "brads"
- Hole punch

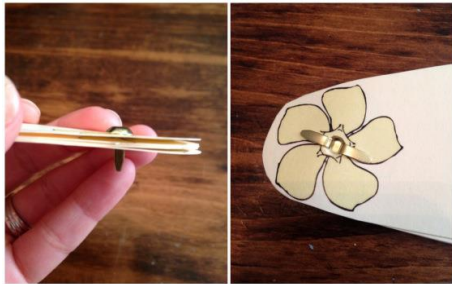
Instructions:

1. Design your fans in the computer program of your choice.
2. Print out and cut out your programs in a fan shape. You can trace around a picture of a program fan to create a template.
3. Once you have made up, printed, and cut out your program pages, you are ready to assemble them.

4. The first step to assembling is to punch the holes. If you put a flower or other graphic at the bottom, it is really simple to punch every hole in the same spot. If you don't have an image to use, you want to make sure you measure and make a mark so every hole ends up in the same spot.



5. After you get all your pages punched, put them all in order and insert a paper fastener.



Don't feel creative enough to design your own programs? We have tons of [free printables](#) that are easily customizable but already made for you!



Just Married Tin Cans

By: [Jen from Something Turquoise](#)



This classic wedding tradition just got cuter. Drive away from the ceremony in style with Just Married Tin Cans. These recycled crafts are easy to make, and you can craft them to match your wedding colors. This tutorial includes instructions for the tulle pom-pom as well as a free printable Just Married sign, so you can get this adorable look exactly right. The Just Married Tin Cans take no time at all to make, so don't stress if you save this craft for the last minute.

Materials:

- Tin cans
- Hammer and nail
- Ribbon
- Tulle
- Craft paint and brush
- Cardstock
- Double sided tape
- Wax paper
- Free 'just married' print below

Instructions:

For the cans:

1. You can paint your cans or leave them 'au naturel.'
2. To paint the cans ombre, as shown, paint your first can with the original paint color – this will be your darkest shade. The cans are drying on a sheet of painter's easel paper, but you can also use wax paper – don't use regular paper or it will stick badly.



3. For the next shade lighter, simply add a little white paint to the original color. Make sure you have enough paint for two cans – you will be adding more paint to lighten this exact batch.



4. Then, add a little more white paint to the second batch of paint. Depending on the shade of paint, you might need two coats of paint per can. Let them dry at least an hour in between each coat, and store your mixed paint in a Ziplock baggie so you don't have to re-mix.



5. Then, simply poke holes in the tops of each can with a hammer and nail.



For the tulle pom poms:

1. Wrap craft tulle around spread fingers about 10 times. Carefully slide the wrap off your fingers, and with a separate 12" piece of cut tulle, tie a firm knot in the middle of the wrap.



- Slide your scissors into one end of the wrap and cut – do both sides and fluff! Leave the ends of the tied piece long so that you can use them later. Make six tulle poms.



- Next, cut three strands of ribbon, each 5' long. Tie a large knot at the end of one piece of ribbon and slide it through the tin can hole. If your ribbon knot is smaller than the hole in the tin can, the can will slide right off.



- About 6" down the ribbon, using the long ends of the tulle pom, tie on one pom.



- Then, taking into consideration the space for the can, tie another large knot onto the ribbon. Thread the next can onto the ribbon, add another pom, and repeat.



- Do this for each strand of the garland. Make as many strands as your heart desires.

For the "Just Married" print:

- Download and print the 'Just Married' sign below onto 8.5" x 11" cardstock.
- Cut out the design, and matte it onto your desired color of cardstock, and repeat.



- Tie all your tin can strands onto your bike or car; add the sign and a ribbon bow.



Just  Married

Wedding Bell Wands

By: [Katie from Upcycled Treasures](#)



It's your wedding day, and bells are chiming...literally! Get the perfect post-ceremony send off with these adorable Wedding Bell Wands. Add lace and ribbon to these Wedding Bell Wands for a little added decoration, or add a homemade gift tag and give these DIY wedding crafts as favors. These cute wedding ideas won't burst your budget, and they're fairly easy to make. Wedding Bells Wands are also a great alternative if your wedding site won't allow rice, confetti, or birdseed for your send off.

Materials:

- 12" round wooden dowels, can purchase 48" x 1/4" dowels and cut down
- Eye screws
- Ribbon/lace/tulle
- Scissors
- Wedding bells
- Vinegar/Steel Wool/tea/coffee grounds stain mixture (optional)

Instructions:

1. Cut your dowels into sections of 12" each – you can obviously skip this step if you bought the bag of pre-cut dowels.
2. "Stain" the wood dowels using the vinegar/steel wool/tea/coffee grounds mixture. (Optional) To do this, mix 1/2 a piece of steel wool with vinegar, and let it sit in a closed jar for a minimum of 24 hours. Then, brew some tea in a separate jar. Paint your wood with the tea mixture, and let it dry completely. Then, brush the wood with the steel wool and vinegar mixture. To make this process easier, you can dump both mixtures into a bin, and let all of the dowel rods soak in the mixture for about five hours. Move them around every hour for even coating.

When finished, rinse and dry the dowels.

3. After the dowels have been stained, rinsed, and dried, then it is time to gather all of your materials and cut all the ribbon/fabric to your desired length.
4. Screw the eye screw into one end of the wooden dowel. You may need to use a bit of elbow grease and take a break after every five or so.
5. Tie your ribbon onto the eye screw. Use double knots and start with the widest material/ribbon first.
6. Repeat step 5 until you achieve the number of layers and look that you want. Tie a shorter piece of ribbon to the bell and double knot it.
7. Tie the bell onto the eye screw on the wand and then make a bow.



Hourglass Unity Candle Alternative

By: Jaclyn Holtzman, Editor, AllFreeDIYWeddings.com



Sand ceremonies, unity candles, and cord braiding are all symbolic of the same thing: bringing two families together in an inseparable way. The usual ideas get tired out, and couples like to come up with their own way of making their union tangible. A brilliant way to do so is by making an hourglass together. While candles are gorgeous, that flame is eventually put out. The hourglass concept provides a gorgeous, useful keepsake. This is the first symbol of your union, and picking two complementary colors will make the event even more magical. Unity candle alternatives keep guests engaged and your wedding unique.

Materials:

- Empty hourglass
- Sand -two different colors, amount depends on hourglass purchased
- 2 glasses

Instructions:

1. The hourglass should come with instructions as to how much sand it needs to work properly. Divide that amount in half. Put that much sand of one color in one glass. The same amount of sand of the other color should be placed in the second glass. If you are not concerned with the hourglass actually measuring time, use however much sand you would like.
2. Keep the empty hourglass on a central table during the wedding ceremony.
3. When it is time for the hourglass ceremony, both the bride and groom with grab their respective sand glasses, and together pour the sand into the hourglass, forever intertwining the two colors.
4. Close the hourglass, and display it in your new home!



DIY Wedding Decor



Lacy Wedding Ceremony Ideas

By: [Hayley from Meet.Make.Laugh.](#)



Complement your vintage or rustic wedding themes with a delicate wedding ceremony backdrop. Lacy Wedding Ceremony Ideas are romantic ways to dress up your "I do"s without spending a lot of money. This easy tutorial gives you the know-how to make the backdrop of your dreams alongside darling lacy details. Your guests get the whole picture, and a gorgeous background adds even more beauty to the scene. If you make these easy wedding ceremony decorations on your own, you'll have a gorgeous setup on the cheap.

Materials:

- 2 lace tablecloths
- Wooden rod
- Needle and thread
- Clothespins
- Extra lace fabric
- Fishing wire
- Embroidery hoops, varied size
- Scissors

Instructions:

For the curtains:

1. Fold two lace tablecloths over a wooden rod, and sew them tightly around the rod. You can have them lie flat or with an opening (like curtains).
2. Secure them open with some clothespins and strips of lace.
3. Secure the curtain by hanging it with fishing wire



For the embroidery hoops:

1. Lay old doilies or pieces of lace fabric over differently sized wooden embroidery hoops.
2. Trim as necessary.
3. Hang the embroidery hoops with fishing wire.



Jaw-Dropping Origami Paper Flower Topiary

By: [Ronda from Crafty Wedding](#)



If you really want your guests talking, spill the beans that your Jaw-Dropping Origami Paper Flower Topiary is homemade. Place this stunning flower topiary in the reception hall, in front of the dessert table to discourage early sweet-eating, or at your ceremony and watch eyes widen in amazement. These intricate origami paper flower displays can work with any wedding theme, simply match the flowers to your wedding colors. Once the big day is over, they can make their way into your new home as a reminder of the start of the rest of your life and the vows you made.

Materials:

- [Origami flowers](#)
- Styrofoam ball, 2"-5" smaller than the desired finished size of your topiary ball
- 4" wood skewers
- Half inch or larger wood dowel or PVC pipe cut to 5" shorter than desired finished height of your topiary
- Pot or container for the base and method for holding dowel/pipe in place (e.g, packed sand/dirt, plaster of Paris, cement, Styrofoam)
- Low-temp glue gun

Instructions:

1. Cut your paper into 3" and 4" squares. If you are doing a smaller topiary, you'll probably want smaller flowers. Fold your flowers, as many as you need. A topiary with a 12" diameter required 200 flowers.



2. Skewer your flowers. Insert the pointy end through the top of your flower, and then pull through so there is about 1" of the skewer left inside the flower. Secure with a drop of hot glue on the base.



3. After you have many flowers made and skewered, start sticking. The skewer on the end of the flower will increase the overall diameter of your finished topiary. Get the flowers as close together as you can and try to avoid large gaps.



4. Secure it all together. Add some Styrofoam glue (or low-temp hot glue) to your dowel and re-attach to the Styrofoam ball. Then attach the other end to the base inside your container.



Stunning Driftwood Candelabra

By: [Going Lovely](#)



Blow everyone out of the water by showing off your Stunning Driftwood Candelabra. This amazingly gorgeous DIY wedding craft looks like it's right out of a fairy tale. This would make a magnificent unity candle alternative. If you'd rather, hang it over your sweetheart table at an outdoor wedding or make multiples to lay down the middle of the table as DIY rustic wedding centerpieces. It is incredible that you can make one of these DIY candelabras on your own thanks to this fantastic tutorial. If you are throwing a rustic or bohemian outdoor wedding, you must hang one of these gorgeous pieces of art to complete the look. Once the big day is over, hang this over your dining room table.

Materials:

- Driftwood
- Drill
- Spade bit and drill bit set
- Candlesticks
- Succulents of your choice
- 2 large eye hooks (optional)
- Rope
- Lighter



Instructions:

1. Decide where you want your succulents to be placed in the driftwood. Use your drill and spade bit to make multiple holes in the driftwood so that they connect and become one big hole.



2. After you've made the large holes for the succulents, drill holes where you want to place the candlesticks. You can choose to hang the driftwood by tying rope around the two ends or you can add in eyehooks, as shown. Select a bit that is barely smaller than the width of the base of your eyehook to ensure that the eyehook is snug in the wood and won't slip out. Drill a hole that is about 2" deep and screw the eyehooks in.



3. Fill the large holes with a little bit of soil, and add in your succulents. Shown are flower-shaped succulents and some hanging ones and tall ones to make a unique arrangement.



4. Place the candlesticks in the small holes that were drilled out earlier.



Lavender and Wheat Wedding Aisle Decorations

By: Jaclyn Holtzman, Editor, AllFreeDIYWeddings.com

Photograph by [Sweet Little Photographs](#)



Add a delicate but gorgeous effect to your wedding ceremony with Lavender and Wheat Wedding Aisle Decorations. This simple and inexpensive DIY will take just moments to complete, but guests will be talking it for way longer than that. This wedding aisle decor idea complements a rustic wedding theme beautifully, but can also be used for any outdoor wedding. This understated beauty will not go unnoticed, and the gorgeous scent will make a lovely addition to the event. Simple, unique wedding ideas make your wedding stand out in a good way, and this great detail does just that.

Materials:

- Lavender
- Wheat stalks
- Thin rope
- Hercules wood armless folding chairs, white
- Thin wire

Instructions:

1. If desired, dry out the lavender by hanging bunches of it upside down for 2-4 weeks in a dark, dry place.
2. Gather four stalks of wheat with four stalks of lavender, and tie together by coiling the wire around the stalks.
3. Curl the remaining wire up with the wheat and lavender. Curl the wire against a pencil base if you are having trouble.
4. Attach the bushels to the chair by wrapping the rope around twice, as shown.

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"get the looks!"*



Vintage Wedding Chair and Pillow

By: [Debbie Rines for I Love to Create](#)



Every princess needs her throne, and this is the perfect wedding DIY to create that. This Vintage Wedding Chair and Pillow helps you design both a beautiful chair and a delicate little ring pillow. Right at home at a vintage wedding, this lacy chair could be created for the ceremony itself. It'd also be a great gift for the bride on the day of her wedding. Consider using a comfy chair and gifting it to the bride-to-be as a place for her to get her hair and make-up done.

Materials:

- Aleene's® Platinum Bond Super Fabric™ Textile Adhesive
- Tulip® Dimensional Fabric Paint - White Metallics (65400)
- Tulip Soft® Fabric Paint - Cool Blue (15794), Cornflower (15821)
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™
- Cosmetic sponge
- Pearls, 1 yard strung
- Scissors
- Heavy lace yardage, 4" wide, 4 to 5 yards
- Cutting mat
- Foil
- Fabric, 1 yard white satin
- Straight pins
- Freezer paper
- Sewing machine
- Craft knife
- Iron or Creative Textile Heat Tool by Walnut Hollow®
- Needle and white thread
- Ribbon, double sided blue satin
- Ring pillow



Instructions:

For pillow:

1. If pillow has lace around edge, it will need to be removed or cut off.
Cut 2 yards of lace.
Sew a running stitch along straight edge, using needle and thread.
Gather, to measure about one yard.
2. Starting outside of center, glue edge of lace in a spiral to cover pillow, using Super Fabric Textile Adhesive.
NOTE: Allow first layer of lace to extend over edge of pillow. Stop lace to leave a small circle of pillow showing on top center area. Hold lace in place with straight pins until glue is dry.
3. Loop pearls four times (or desired number) so loops hang onto lace. Glue ends in circle, to pillow.
4. To create ribbon roses, fold over end of a 14" piece of ribbon. Sew a running stitch along one side of ribbon and at end.
5. Fold ribbon back. Pull thread to gather.
6. Arrange in a spiral to create rose.
7. Stitch bottom to hold it together. Make three roses slightly different in sizes.
8. Cut a 6" piece of ribbon.
9. Fold over to create a loop leaf. Glue ends together to hold shape. Make three leaves.
10. Glue roses and leaves on top of pearl ends, at center, on top of pillow. Let dry.
11. Add dots of Metallics White paint in centers of roses.

For chair back cover:

1. Cut satin fabric 18" x width of back of chair plus 3". Fold in half, with fold at top of chair back.
2. Stitch sides.
3. Turn right side out and press.
4. Trace or draw 6"-8" initial on dull side of freezer paper.
NOTE: If desired, use computer to scale font to correct size. Font needs to be thick enough to be cut out with craft knife to create stencil.
5. Cut image out on cutting mat.
6. Place foil between layers of cover.
7. Lay stencil in center with shiny side down. Press with iron to adhere.
8. Squeeze equal parts of Cool Blue and Cornflower on foil. Mix.
9. Tap sponge into paint. Tap on a clean area of foil to remove excess paint. Tap paint onto open area of stencil. Fill in initial with paint. Reload sponge as needed.
10. Remove stencil. Let dry.
11. With foil still between layers, squeeze spirals of Metallic White on each side, about 3" wide. Let dry.
12. Scatter Iron-On Crystals in spiral area on each side.
13. Preheat textile tool or iron. With tool, heavy pressure is not needed.
14. Touch crystal for 15 to 20 seconds until attached. With iron, cover area with pressing cloth. Only touch tip of iron to Crystal being careful not to touch paint. Let Crystals cool before moving. Crystals may be added to initial, if desired.
15. Starting at center back, glue lace along bottom edge of cover.

Inspiring Indigo Wedding Altar

By: [Jamie from Rad + In Love](#)



Give your wedding a lovely bohemian look with this Inspiring Indigo Wedding Altar. Created by dyeing fabric in a deep indigo, this DIY wedding altar would be perfect for an outdoor or bohemian wedding theme. This type of dyeing can be used for several different wedding and reception decorations, as well. You could create a beautiful uniform look by using a similar technique for drapes, tablecloths, and other fabric pieces at your wedding.

Materials:

- Fabric of your choice, cotton and muslin work best
- Indigo dye
- Sticks, rocks, and boards or rubber bands
- Rubber gloves
- Buckets
- Clothesline



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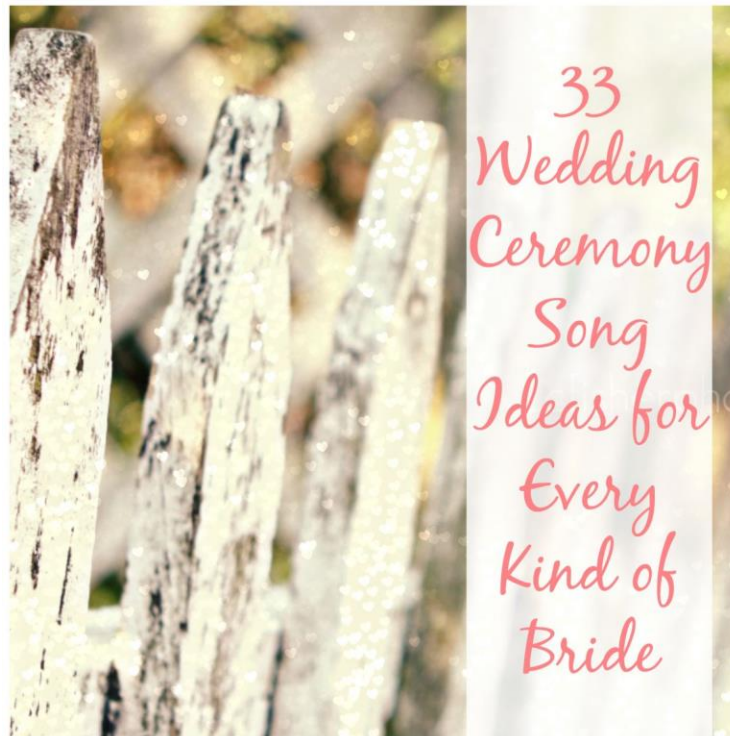
Instructions:

1. Mix your dye.
2. Tie off your fabric. There are two options here. You can either use the traditional shibori method, where you tie and bind your fabric using sticks, rocks, and boards, or you can use the classic tie-dye method, where you use rubber bands to randomly secure and twist the fabric.
3. Rinse with water to saturate your fabric.
4. Dip in the indigo dye.
5. Take out, and let it oxidize a bit.
6. Repeat steps four and five up to twelve times for variation and depth of color.
7. Rinse off, and untie.



Wedding Ceremony Songs

By: Jaclyn Holtzman, Editor, AllFreeDIYWeddings.com



Most couples obsess over their first dance song, but even more important than that are the wedding ceremony songs. There are a lot of significant decisions to be made regarding the tunes that grace your wedding ceremony. The prelude music plays as guests are seated by the ushers. The music then changes as the processional begins and the attendants approach the altar. Once the flower girl has made her way down the aisle and adequately spread the petals, it is time for the bride to enter. The music stops, the guests rise, and the bridal processional begins. Throughout the ceremony, the couple may choose to have other songs sung or played, whether by a live band, a close friend, an organ player, or by another medium. These can be religious or simply meaningful to the couple. The final song is played as the couple and bridal party make their way back down the aisle to exit.

With a minimum of four songs, it can be difficult to figure out the music for wedding ceremonies. To ease the pain, we have gathered some traditional as well as some more offbeat choices for you to browse. Hopefully you'll be inspired and find the perfect tunes for your big day.

Prelude Wedding Ceremony Songs

1. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming -Johannes Brahms
2. Piano Sonata in E flat major, K. 282- 1st mov. Adagio - Mozart
3. Greensleeves -Alfred Reed
4. Prelude in E-Minor (op.28 no. 4) - Frédéric Chopin

Modern Wedding Ceremony Songs

5. I Believe In You And Me - Whitney Houston
6. Always And Forever – Heatwave
7. Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You - Frankie Valli
8. The One - Elton John
9. Feels Like Home- Chantal Kreviazuk
10. My Wish -Rascal Flatts
11. Only Time –Enya
12. I Choose You - Sara Bareilles
13. Somewhere Over The Rainbow - IZ
14. Angel - Jack Johnson
15. Love Never Fails - Brandon Heath
16. First Day Of My Life - Bright Eyes
17. I Knew I Loved You - Savage Garden
18. All You Need is Love – Beatles
19. Sandstorm - Da Rude
20. I'm A Believer – Smashmouth
21. Walking on Sunshine - Katrina & the Waves
22. Happy Together - The Turtles

Wedding Processional Songs

23. Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach
24. Canon in D- Pachelbel
25. Guitar Concerto in D, 2nd Mvt –Vivaldi
26. Trumpet Voluntary -Henry Purcell
27. Hallelujah Chorus- Messiah

Bridal Processional Songs

28. Wedding March, Here Comes The Bride - Richard Wagner
29. Bridal Chorus – Lohengrin

Wedding Recessional Songs

30. Wedding March, Recessional Music- Mendelssohn
31. Ode to Joy - Beethoven
32. Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke
33. Trumpet Tune - Henry Purcell

Wedding Ceremony Outline

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Use this Wedding Ceremony Outline to make your I Dos the most special part of the day. Follow tradition or stray from the norm to make your wedding ceremony completely you. Consult this rundown on the wedding ceremony order of events to see the standard outline. From there, you can decide what works best for you and your husband-to-be. The wedding ceremony order is up to your discretion and that of the officiant's. Make sure you enjoy every moment because this day is when two officially become one.

*this may vary depending on religion and preference; your officiant can help determine what is necessary

*readings, religious or otherwise, and songs can be sprinkled throughout the ceremony as you wish

Seating of the Guests



Music plays as guests enter and are seated by ushers. In Christian religions, the bride's friends and family sit on the left side of the congregation, facing the altar, and the groom's guests the right.

In the Jewish religion, it is reversed.

Seating of Grandparents

An usher or brother of the couple seats the groom's grandparents first and then the bride's. The paternal grandparents are sat before the maternal.

This is reversed in a Jewish wedding.

Seating of Parents

An usher or brother seats the groom's parents. The bride's mother is the last sat.

In a Jewish wedding, the groom's parents enter with him after the groomsmen enter in pairs. The bride's parents both walk her in. All parents stand under the chuppah with the couple.

Men of Honor Take Their Places



The officiant, ushers, best man, and groom take their positions. The best man may also escort the maid of honor down the aisle.



Attendants' Procession



The bridesmaids enter escorted by groomsmen. The men are on the left side, the women on the right. The first to walk in are the furthest from the couple on the altar.

In Jewish weddings, the groomsmen enter in pairs after the grandparents are sat. The bridesmaids enter individually after the groom and his parents have entered.

After the bridal party has all entered, the ring bearer makes his way down the aisle, followed by the flower girl.

Bridal Procession



The bride is escorted by her father. She stands on his left side. The music normally changes at this point, and all guests rise.

In Jewish weddings, the bride is escorted by both her father and mother.

Opening Remarks and Call to Worship by the Officiant

"Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today..."

Opening Prayer

Giving Away of the Bride

"Who gives this woman..."

Charge

The officiant declares the sanctity of marriage and the importance of the vows you will make.

"I Do's"

Vows



These may be the traditional vows, original vows, or a combination of the two.



Exchanging of Rings

Unity Ceremony

This may be a unity candle ceremony, a sand ceremony, a knot ceremony, or something more unique. This symbolizes the permanent coming together of two separate beings.

"I Now Pronounce You Man and Wife"

The Closing Prayer

The Kiss



Presentation of the Couple



Recessional



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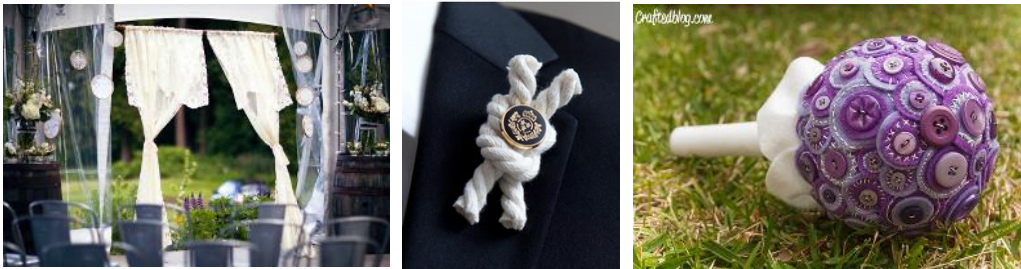
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