

***Thank You Notes
Made Easy***

The honeymoon is over and now it's back to real life. But wait a minute, there is one more little wedding detail that needs to be addressed- Thank you notes. I know, the three words that strike the most dread in all of wedding planning.

To make things easier, I am going to give you a template for writing thank you notes. Just copy the template, filling in the blanks as you go. Where there are multiple choices, just choose one. It is nice to add how you might use the gift- for money you might say, "We plan to use it to help furnish our new home." If you received a toaster you could say, "We will think of you every morning when we have breakfast." Just add that part after the last sentence in the first paragraph.

Even though etiquette books say you have 3 months after the wedding to send your thank you notes, try to get them sent within a month. To make the task less overwhelming, just commit to writing 10 notes a day until you're finished. Your guests will feel appreciated and you will be glad the job is finished!

Don't think of it as a chore- think of it as a way to relive your wedding day and all those who shared it with you. Once you've wrote a few you will be able to mix up the wording a bit to fit each individual. Don't worry too much about most of them sounding alike. No one will be comparing their notes with anyone else.

Dear _____,

Thank you so much for the (lovely, beautiful, useful, thoughtful, generous, fun)_____. It was very nice of you and we really appreciate it.

It was so good to see you at the wedding. We wish we had more time to visit, but the day went so fast!

(Or)

We are so sorry you couldn't make it to the wedding. It was a great day, but we missed having you there.

Thanks again for the thoughtful gift.

Love,

_____ and _____
(Bride) (Groom)

One final thought. I have been to weddings where the bride and groom thanked everyone for their gifts at the reception and did not follow-up with personal notes to each guest. And I know that pre-printed thank you notes are available, all you have to do is sign your name. Please- do not fall into the temptation to use either of these methods. They are impersonal and quite frankly, rude.

If someone takes the time to purchase a gift for you, have the courtesy to thank them properly with a handwritten note. It will be easy with the tips above.