



Wedding 101

The Big Sendoff



After your last dance, you can say goodbye to your guests one of the time, or you can wave to all of them at the same time as they give you a big send-off to remember. The way you do your last dance is primarily about providing closure of the night for your guests. Having a big send-off will help solidify these feelings, but more importantly, it will also serve as the final event and chapter of your own memories. Do you want the final memories of your reception to be loading up your presents and watch your decorations being taken down, or would you like to run up to your waiting limousine as your guest to your departure? In this article, we'll talk about a few unique ways to exit your reception that will be truly memorable.

THE HUMAN TUNNEL SENDOFF

If you don't have a lot of space or resources for your send up, or you just want to keep things simple, have your MC instruct your guests to make two lions facing each other, starting from the exit doors back to the dance floor. When your guests are all in position, they'll be instructed to raise their arms over the opening between them, forming a human tunnel. Then, the bride and groom race to the tunnel as the guests cheer their departure.

PETAL TOSS EXIT

Provide your guests with paper cones filled with flower petals as they head outside to prepare for your exit. The MC will keep the bride and groom inside until everyone is ready. Then, the bride and groom race outside as the guests shower them with flower petals and cheer.

BUBBLES EXIT

Provide your guests with mini bottles of bubbles as they head outside to prepare for your exit. The MC will keep the bride and groom inside until everyone is ready. Then, the bride and groom race outside through a cloud of bubbles and cheer on their way to their transportation.

SPARKLER EXIT

Provide your guests with sparklers as they head outside for your exit. The MC will keep the bride and groom inside until everyone is ready and their sparklers are lit. Then, the bride and groom race outside as the guests begin to cheer and wave the sparklers in the air. Of course, you have to make sure that you check with your venue and local laws in advance due to possible fire hazard issues. Also, it's always smart to test your sparklers before buying a large quantity, to see which ones will last the longest and give off the least amount of smoke. Placing a few large lit candles in metal coffee cans along the exact path will save time, allowing people to light the sparklers more quickly. Fill the coffee cans around the candles with sand so that your guests can extinguish and dispose of the sparkler safely after the send-off.

PAPARAZZI EXIT

Provide your guests with disposable cameras as they head outside to prepare for your exit. Have the MC instruct those with their own flash cameras to bring them outside as well. When everyone is ready, the bride and groom race outside as the guests greet them like a throng of Paparazzi trying to capture photos of a power couple in Hollywood. Provide a table or container of some sort for the guests to place their cameras in after the send-off, so that you can develop the pictures and see the photos people took.

Use every opportunity available to you (including your send-off) to make your mark on your wedding celebration. Hopefully after reading all of these articles, you will have a good idea of why weddings can be so expensive, and exactly how you can make your wedding reception extra enjoyable and memorable. Thanks and good luck!



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