

GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Giving Great Wedding Gifts

(NAPSA)—If you've vowed to improve the gifts you give at weddings, experts offer this tip: Make it personal. They say a personalized, well-thought-out offering can make a great present—even if it's something not listed on the registry.

So what's the best way to personalize a gift? One key is to take a cue from the couple's hobbies, home, habits or even their love story and tailor the gift to fit their interests. Colleen Brewer, senior lifestyle editor for a popular bridal resource called The Knot (www.theknot.com), recommends a few top gift picks:

The Foodies

"A coffeemaker is always a great wedding gift for kitchen connoisseurs. New single-serve systems like the one from Senseo [Senseo.com, under \$70] fit the lifestyles of today's busy couples," she says. Not only is it a sleek and stylish accessory for the countertop, it makes one or two consistent cups of gourmet coffee in less than a minute. Couples can enjoy delicious java, topped with a frothy coffee layer just like they'd savor at a European coffee bar."

The Entertainers

If the couple likes entertaining, Brewer recommends the Krups panini maker (Williams-Sonoma.com, under \$85). The elegant chrome device makes grilled cheese a little more "chichi" and can also create a variety of delectable desserts—such as bitter-sweet chocolate panini—in nearly no time. It also doubles as a grill for standard meats and veggies.

The Techies

"The new Philips KEY019 Camcorder [www.thingstodoyourthing.com, under \$250] is perfect for the honeymooning duo," says Brewer. Weighing less than an ounce, it can be strapped on a backpack, belt or bathing suit to snap memo-



Get Personal—Experts suggest giving a wedding gift that celebrates the couple's personality.

ries on the go. "It's extremely durable, so it can capture still images, video segments and even play MP3 files. And it hooks directly into a USB port on a laptop, so they can download images right in the hotel room on their honeymoon," says Brewer.

The Spa Lovers

If the couple likes (or needs) to relax, try creating a spa kit. Brewer says to start with a top-of-the-line Sonicare Elite 7500 Power Toothbrush (Sonicare.com, under \$150) to provide a "spa experience" for the teeth and gums. The brush has bristle tips that move three times faster than other power toothbrushes and it's guaranteed to lead to whiter teeth and healthier gums in 28 days. She also recommends pampering the couple with bath products from The Thymes Limited—such as bath salts, body scrub, and foaming bath gel (Thymes.com, about \$40). She suggests a soothing music CD such as "Feng Shui Tune Up" (Thymes.com, under \$20) and cute "Mr." & "Mrs." towels from The Knot Gift Store & Registry (theknot.com, under \$80) as well.