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1. Walk Down Memory Lane

Make the guest feel like integral parts of the day by incorporating them into your reception décor – in a gallery of meaningful photos. You could do something we like to call 'Memory Lane'. You hang pictures of the bride and groom with friends and family along the walk from the ceremony to the reception.

As guests take a leisurely stroll around your reception space they will come across pictures of themselves with you, they can reminisce and socialise, telling stories about the picture.

It's a great icebreaker and a fun reception party conversation starter.

2. Break the Ice Creatively

When you enter your reception for the first time as husband and wife, don't just take a conventional arm-in-arm stroll. Run. Skip. Dance or even swoop in on a rope swing! What ever takes you fancy.

Brainstorm with your partner about the most creative, appropriate way to make a big impression.

This is a great way to break the ice and set up for a fun vibe for the rest of the event.

3. Play Party Games

This is a great one. Games are a great way to keep guests of all ages entertained. We did a wedding where the menus were puzzles, so each person got one piece of the puzzle at their place setting, then everyone had to put the pieces together to get the full menu description. Crossword puzzles are fun for the back of a program or if you have guests going on a long bus ride to get to the reception venue.

4. Be Entertaining

Guests always love the energy of a live band but tend to want to hear the original artist sing their favourite tunes. As a compromise, why not hire a dance band but also play DJ'ed music during the breaks, or arrange to have live music during some parts of the event and recorded music during others. We suggest combining the best of both worlds – at the same time.

5. Offer a Dessert Buffet

You can assume most people have a sweet tooth, so have guests get involved in creating their very own dessert. A cupcake-making station is a reinvention of the popular hot fudge station. Have abundant trays of different flavours and colours: a guest might pile crushed Oreos on a chocolate buttercream cupcake or top a red velvet cupcake with cream cheese. This sort of do-it-yourself treat is absolutely guaranteed to bring out the kid in everyone!



6. Be More Entertaining

Consider unexpected, nontraditional entertainments, like tarot card readers, magicians and flip book stations (booths where guests create quick movies and make mini books). Start by asking yourself what sorts of activities the two of you like to do. You can use your shared interests as sure-fire wedding inspiration. (Did you meet at a comedy club? You may want to hire a stand-up comic.) Or you can use your heritage as inspiration: I've had couples surprise their guests with ethnic dancers or musicians who share a set with the band. You can even hire square dance instructors and have them teach guests to do a line dance – they'll have a blast.

7. Hire the Local Food Truck

Long after dinner's over, and guests are still out on the dance floor, serve up a surprise snack. Arrange to have a local mobile food vendor pull up his truck outside your event.

Give guests a wristband or a ticket, so they can walk up to the truck and get a snack, then come back inside and join the party again. You can hire food trucks serving everything from spicy Korean tacos to crème brûlée. There is even such a thing as a cake truck, to serve sweets decorated with the couple's initials, or even get a truck that serves breakfast foods like waffles and pancakes for a late-night treat.



8. Personalise Your Guest Book

Photo booths have been done at many weddings. If you'd like to try something new, why not try this...Give guests dry-erase boards and markers and set up a colourful curtain as a backdrop. They write messages to the happy couple, and are photographed with them in front of the curtain. It's interactive, inexpensive – you can even appoint a friend with an iPhone to take the pictures – and when you put the photos in an album, it makes a one-of-a-kind guest book.

9. Create a Campfire Feel

If you're having an outdoor wedding, create a lounge area where guests can hang out and talk. One idea is to have a lounge area with a coffee station serving lattes and hot toddies. You can give it a real laid back feeling by having acoustics guitarists play, so guests could sing along as they are served late night snacks such as mini hot dogs & burgers.

10. Choose a Sweet Treat

In lieu of a traditional favour, you might send guests off on their merry way with a midnight snack. Give them milk and mini donuts served in takeaway boxes. Or hand out packages of cookies iced with your monogram or beribboned boxes holding two artisanal chocolates or even small tins of a speciality tea.



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