

# An Affair To Note



**LILLARD DESIGNS**  
White Origami  
(Kusudama) Flowers

Your wedding is a time to show off the combined styles of you and your future spouse, so why not make it something unique, something special, and above all, something you both like? Put some paper into your wedding! Here are a few creative ideas, from the invitations to the thank you notes that will give your grandparents something to gossip about while saving you enough for an extended honeymoon. *-by Megan Eckman*

## Show Us Your Tickets!

Maybe you and your groom met on a vacation in Hawaii, or perhaps he proposed to you at the symphony. Whatever your reason, wedding tickets are a fun, easy alternative to a traditional invitation.

Put your names in big letters across the top and maybe come up with an event name such as "A Love Story" or "The Big Day." Then write the location, date, and time of the wedding.



**HANDYKANE**  
Movie Star Hollywood  
Theatre Cinema Ticket  
Wedding Invitation



**FINE PRINTS DESIGN**  
Flora Boarding Pass Destination Wedding Invitation

Be sure to save a little room on the right side of the ticket for the RSVP stub. You can mail each guest two tickets and have them return the number of stubs that matches the number of people attending, or you can mail one ticket and have them write in the number. Just remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope or else you'll be eating the cake by yourself.



**KAT'S KRAFTS**  
Cootie Catchers

## Draw-It-Yourself

If you like the look of traditional invitations, you can always jazz up your RSVPs by providing your guests with a blank postcard and the instructions to draw how many people will be attending. Be sure they make their stick people recognizable or add name tags so you know who will be coming.

## Sit Down For A Story

Everyone remembers making cootie catchers in middle school. Those little folded papers told us when our crush would notice us, how rich we'd be, and which movie star we'd marry. You can relive those giggling bus rides at your wedding by making cootie catcher favors. If you're into good luck, you can fill them with good fortunes for you and your guests. Or, you can entertain your family with a quiz about how you and your fiancé met, what's your favorite dining place, and how your fiancé proposed. Be creative! Not only will these fun favors ease everyone over the awkward small talk, but they'll have something to play with while waiting for dinner.

## A Noteworthy Gratitude

When it's all over, you'll be up to your eyeballs in thank you notes. If you were lucky enough to receive that Waterford crystal decanter you'd asked Aunt Muriel for, or that kayak you begged Grandpa Neil about for years, send them an extra special thank you note by making handmade envelopes. Downloadable templates are easily found online and you can use everything from vintage magazine pages to children's book illustrations. Or, if you still have a little bit of money left, you can buy handmade envelopes on Etsy from sellers like Paragraph Cove or Studio M.M.E.



**STUDIO M.M.E.**  
Children's Book  
Handmade Envelopes



With these ideas and a sense of humor, you can make your wedding a unique event that sticks in the memories of your guests and yourself.

**PARAGRAPH COVE**  
Sepia Poetry Upcycled Envelopes