

Preparing for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Party

Your 50th wedding anniversary celebration is a very important and joyous occasion to be celebrated with friends and family. Preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party can help to make this occasion memorable for everyone, but mostly for the lucky couple.

If you're planning a party for yourself, you already know what you must have at your party. Preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party for someone else will require you to have at least a little input from the couple to ensure the party is fun for them as well.

It's traditional that a 50th anniversary is the 'golden' anniversary, so decorations and themes should be gold. Candles, ribbons, paper goods, even the cake decorations can incorporate gold into them.

The guest list will determine a large part of preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party. More guests mean you might need to rent a hall versus holding it at your home, and costs will also rise. Usually, couples will invite several friends and extended family to such a party. Of course, smaller parties are also fun. When preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party, it's important to determine if you want small and intimate or large and loud before moving forward.

If you're preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party for your parents or another couple other than yourself, you may also want it to be a surprise. You could also ask them to take part in the planning so that the party is just as they would like it. You'll want to ensure you know the couple well enough before planning a surprise and deciding all aspects of the party on your own.

Preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party also requires thought about gifts for the couple. A scrapbook including photos and other memorabilia from their past 50 years together is a wonderful idea. You could also refurbish old or damaged family photos and have them enlarged and framed for a special gift.

Anything made of gold is considered a proper 50th anniversary gift, but you can also give the couple a video of well wishes from loved ones and samples from parts of the couple's life together.

Sometimes choosing gifts can be a difficult task. Preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party will also need to include considerations in this department. Does the couple prefer that guests not bring them gifts? If so, you'll need to follow their wishes. Of course, some guests will still bring something to the party for the special couple.

Time, money and effort are all required when preparing for a 50th wedding anniversary party. You'll need to set your budget, gather a guest list, choose a date and time, venue or location, menu, decorations and the perfect gift for the couple. If the party is to be a surprise, you'll have to make extra plans for that as well. Simply recruit friends and family to help with what they can, and remember that the important thing is that everyone's celebrating 50 years of a successful marriage.