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5 ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL GUESTBOOKS

MAKING YOUR WEDDING A ONE OF A KIND EVENT



AFTER THE TONE

"After the Tone" is a fun twist on the traditional guestbook, letting your wedding guests record their own voice messages instead of signing a book. As they arrive, they can leave personal notes, wishes, or funny stories, which are then turned into a unique audio keepsake. It's a laid-back way to capture the voices and sentiments of your big day, making your wedding memories even more special and memorable. Check them out <u>here.</u>



A SPECIAL BOOK

Consider incorporating a special book that holds deep personal significance or timeless wisdom. Imagine a beautiful, leather-bound edition of the Bible, its pages ready to capture the heartfelt messages of your loved ones. Guests can leave personal reflections, favorite verses, or words of wisdom alongside their signatures, creating a cherished keepsake that grows more meaningful with each entry. Alternatively, consider a classic literary work or a beloved book of poetry. Whether it's a volume of Shakespeare's sonnets, a collection of inspiring quotes, or a treasured family recipe book, these choices invite your guests to leave their mark in a way that reflects their personality and your shared values. This isn't just a guest book—it's a piece of your story, enriched by the voices of those who matter most.



ENGAGEMENT PHOTO ALBUM

Looking for a guest book that doubles as a stunning keepsake? Consider an engagement photo album with dedicated spaces for your guests to write their heartfelt notes. This isn't just any album —it's a personalized creation that showcases your love story. Each page will feature your favorite engagement shots, with ample room for guests to share their well wishes, advice, and memories.

I did this for my wedding and I still love it! I printed my album through <u>MPix</u>.



GAME CARDS

Do you love games? Consider swapping a traditional guest book for a deck of cards or cards from your favorite game. Guests can sign or leave a message on each card, turning your guest book into a collection of heartfelt notes with a playful twist. You'll look back on your wedding every time you play! You could even display the cards in a decorative box or frame them for a unique piece of wall art.

This is also a great idea for a bridal shower. We used Word Thief and everyone has to write advice that started with the letter on their card!



POLAROID BOOK

Lastly, a Polaroid guest book is a great interactive way for guests to document their presence. Set up a station with a Polaroid camera and let guests snap a quick photo to stick in an album. They can jot down a little note next to their picture, giving you a mix of sweet messages and candid moments. It's an easy and creative way to capture all the love and laughter from your big day!



Looking for more wedding ideas? Check out more of my series "The Wedding 5" on my website!

