



Getting Engaged Is Just The Beginning... Now What?

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UNION, N.J., Feb. 2 /PRNewswire/ -- You're newly engaged and filled with excitement and anticipation. Now you just have to get from "Yes, I'll marry you," to saying "I do." The trick is to take a deep breath, work together as a team and get started.

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"You picked the perfect mate, now it's time for the two of you to pick the perfect items to fill your new home. Setting up a bridal registry is an opportunity to start with the best of everything. And once you've combined your efforts on this project, planning the rest of the wedding will be a breeze," says Bari Fagin of Bed Bath & Beyond.

Here are some tips to get you started.

* Get organized

A binder or expanding file to store everything from initial ideas to final contracts and important details is a must. Create a calendar to help both of you track your progress and focus on your immediate tasks. Approaching this as a team effort will allow each of you to pick the tasks most suited to your abilities.

* It's never too early to think about your bridal registry

Your guests may want to start buying you gifts as soon as you're engaged. At a store like Bed Bath & Beyond, the registry is always accessible to the couple and can be updated as new events on your wedding calendar approach. Providing your guests with a good selection of gifts throughout this period gives them a variety of choices for engagement gifts, bridal shower gifts and wedding gifts.

* Your registry is your wish list

Nothing is off-limits -- register for anything you would like to receive, from napkin rings to that stand mixer you've been wanting. This is the time to think of everything you'd want for your new home. While fine china is a registry choice that will last a lifetime, remember to include the items you need for your new home day in and day out.

* Think outside of the traditional gifts

Creating a home is more than just sheets, towels, pots and pans. It's important to involve the groom in the process. Today's grooms might have preferences for specific cutlery, cookware or gadgets. Don't forget to register for practical gifts like a great stainless steel trash bin, cleaning supplies and storage organizers.

Once you've set up your bridal registry, you'll both be prepared to take on the other wedding details. Take advantage of some great tools such as Bed Bath & Beyond's Online Bridal Toolkit. It can help you manage all aspects your wedding from start to finish, including ideas and advice for the bridal couple, the wedding party and the guests.

When you register at any Bed Bath & Beyond store or online at <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>, you make it easy for your guests to shop nationwide or online. Guests enjoy complimentary gift packaging and you'll love the hassle-free return and exchange policy. So, Congratulations and Best Wishes on your engagement, and get going, the wedding date is fast approaching!

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