



UNIQUE WEDDING RITUALS

RING WARMING CEREMONY

This symbolic action is focused on “blessing” your wedding rings with good wishes, as the rings are passed between your guests during or before the ceremony. It’s a beautiful way to involve your guests, giving them an opportunity to take a moment to bring their own beliefs into your ceremony in a private but meaningful way. By the time your rings make it to you for the ring exchange they will be wrapped with the love of your friends & family.

SAND CEREMONY

The focus in this ceremony is blending sand to symbolise unity, it expresses the coming together of two unique people. It’s a simple but powerful way to express your new relationship as husband and wife. You can choose the colours of sand to represent your personality and choose how you want to store the sand as a lasting keepsake.

HAND FASTING

The history of hand fasting is linked to Paganism. They would traditionally use it as an engagement ritual to express an intent to marry. The symbolism of hand fasting can mean many things and the words used during the ceremony are personalised to your beliefs. Two or four hands can be tied with ribbons or cords of your choice, you can create your own or ask someone to make them for you. Options include a simple tie with two hands and pulses touching, using four hands to tie an infinity shape, or using the hand fast to create a knot to represent “tying the knot” and your lifetime commitment to each other. You might choose to link this with your vows, stating them as each ribbon is looped.

JUMPING THE BROOM

This is great fun as you hold hands and leap together over the broom, into married life. The tradition dates back to 18th century Ghana when brooms were used to sweep away evil spirits, making way for a clean path into marital bliss.

OATHING STONE

To set in stone your vows you can swear your oath to each other whilst holding or placing your hands on an oathing stone. Taken from the ancient Celtic custom of setting an oath in stone, inclusion of this ritual in the vows can be deeply moving. The stone can be engraved with your initials and date of your wedding.

FISHERMAN'S KNOT

This ritual allows you to involve your family’s or friends who will give you both two separate ropes or cords that you’ll tie together to create the fisherman’s knot. It’s symbolic as under stress the knot becomes stronger which is a great metaphor for marriage.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Light is a simple and beautiful way to add meaning to your ceremony, it can represent the start of a new beginning, or making bright the path ahead of you, The candle is kept and relit on anniversaries or whenever you want to be transported back to your wedding day. The lighting of the candle can come from two separate sources to represent your unity as one.



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PLANTING OF A TREE OR ROSE

Plant a tree together and you could ask your parents or friends to come and water it to symbolise the way they support and encourage your love. After the ceremony, the potted tree, is replanted at home to symbolise putting down roots, longevity, and strength within your marriage.

WINE CEREMONY

There are lots of ways to carry out this ceremony. You can choose the tippie you'll drink to represent something personal to you or create a bespoke cocktail. For example choosing a sour, a bitter, a hot, and a sweet flavour to represent for better for worse, for richer for poorer in sickness and in health. You will each take a sip from a wedding cup that represents; love, faithfulness & good luck.

HEART BEAT

This involves all your guests in a beautiful Mexican wave of hand squeezes that represents a heartbeat making it's way to you both. It's symbolism represents how we are all connected and that love is and always will be a universal unifier.

TRUCE BELL

A bell is rung during the ceremony just after the vows on one of the happiest days of your lives and then is placed in the home. If you ever need it during an argument, you can ring the truce bell, reminding you of the happiness you felt on your wedding day and the vows you made which will hopefully end the disagreement.

