

ELEMENTS

It's in the Bag!

We asked local wedding experts what items come in handy on the Big Day.

- Aspirin, Tums, allergy meds
- Crochet hook (for tiny buttons on the dress)
- Clear nail polish (for runs in stockings)
- Tide stick (for stains)
- Snacks
- Lip gloss (for touch-ups)
- Straws (for sipping drinks after the lipstick is on)
- Face powder or blotting papers
- Extra bobby pins
- Hair spray
- Breath mints (gum gets on clothes and looks bad in photos)
- Band-Aids
- Lint brush
- Static cling spray
- Portable steam iron
- Zip ties
- Sunscreen
- Flip flops
- Sewing kit
- Hammer, staple gun (for unforeseen projects at DIY and backyard weddings)
- Duct tape (for taping down electrical cords from DJs, lighting)
- An extra garter (if you want to do the toss but don't want to wear it)
- Straight pins for money dance
- Mini bottle of alcohol
- Extra satin ribbon that matches the wedding (to dress up forgotten items like the flower-girl basket)
- Butane candle lighter for votives
- Extra cake cutter and server
- Extra black socks (for groomsmen)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Extra earring backs
- Wite-Out and fine point Sharpies
- Feminine hygiene products

"The stylist usually brings hairspray, but usually takes it when she leaves! This is also good for preventing static build-up on clothing."
*Shannon Henry
 Studio Carré
 Photographie*

"At almost every wedding, I use a sewing kit. Whether it is for a torn bustle on the bridal gown, or a button that comes off of a rented tuxedo."
*Rachel Welland
 Bliss Events*

"Not every venue has them, or enough to get things lit in a timely manner!"
*Krista Romberg
 Orange Blossom Events*

"There is often quite a bit of walking when taking pictures. Flip-flops can be a real foot saver and may allow you to get more photographs with different backgrounds."
*Aaron Feldman
 True Photography Weddings*

"I've had a bride carry a minibar-size bottle of her fave liquor (vodka) ... she had it to calm her nerves just in case she got nervous before walking down the aisle."
*Gina Hundley
 San Diego Weddings by Gina*

"Sometimes, the place cards will have people at the wrong tables, or we need to make adjustments because of extra guests."
*Diana Romero
 Ah! Le Party*

Pictured here: Chanel thongs in yellow, \$325, **Neiman Marcus**, Fashion Valley; Christopher Kon bag, \$375, **Neiman Marcus**, Fashion Valley, and neimanmarcus.com; 1800 Reposado Tequila, \$4.99, **BevMo!**; Luna Minis, \$6 for a box of 10, **Target**; Altoids, \$1, **Target**; Lip gloss in Tease, \$16, **Bodyography**, bodyography.com; "Help: I have a blister" bandages, \$4, and "Help: I have a headache" aspirin, \$4, **Target**; striped paper straws, \$9, shopsweetlulu.com; L'Oréal Sublime Sun sunscreen, \$9, **Target**; L'Oréal Paris Mini Elnett Satin Extra Strong Hold Hairspray, \$7, drugstores; Sally Hansen clear nail polish, \$6.49, **Target**; Zippo candle lighter, \$15, **zippo.com**.

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