

YBD – UNITY CEREMONIES & PROPS

Including props or a unity ceremony during your wedding has some great benefits:

- Make your ceremony more interactive, engaging, and memorable
- Include some or all of your guests in your ceremony
- Create a take-home keep-sake from your wedding day
- Have a bit more fun!

Here are some ideas and options to play around with:

SAND MIXING

You can mix sand of two different colours to represent the two of you becoming one in marriage. Or, use multiple colours of sand that each represent a different aspect of your relationship/marriage which you vow to uphold through your married life. The sand is mixed or layered in a see through vessel during the ceremony and creates a beautiful keep-sake for you to display at home.

WINE BOX

Married life wont always be easy. Lock away a bottle of wine in a box for you to open after you resolve your first fight as a married couple. Alternatively, plan to open the wine on a specific anniversary or event that you're looking forward to such as your first home as a married couple.

WISHING WELL/ TIME CAPSULE

Get your guests to write down a little marriage advice for you, either as they arrive or while you sign your marriage documents. All the guests pop their note into the wishing well/time capsule ready for you to open when you wish – e.g. during the reception, on a future anniversary.

A LUCKY DIP

Choose your wedding witnesses by lucky dip! Write down everyone's names and pop them in a hat, and then each of you draw one name each during the ceremony. If there's anyone you really don't want to be a witness, leave their name out... they'll never know!

RING WARMING

Your rings are "warmed" by the love and best wishes of your guests before you exchange them. This can be done by having them on display somewhere when your guests arrive or passing them around your guests during the ceremony. Great for kids to get involved!

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WEDDING TOAST

While you sign your documents everyone is handed a glass of champagne ready to toast to you as a married couple... obviously you two get one as well! CHEERS!

HAND FASTING CEREMONY

Ribbons representing different elements of your relationship/marriage are tied around your hands during the ceremony. Your hands are bound by the ribbons in the same way your futures are bound together from this day on.

ROPE TIE

Tie and pull a sailor's knot during your ceremony. This knot only becomes stronger as you try to pull it apart. A great one for kids to demonstrate too.

TREE PLANTING

Pot a plant and water it during your wedding ceremony. Take this plant home to settle into your garden and watch it grow as your marriage develops. If you can, bring water from each of your home towns or we can use water collected from Lake Wakatipu

UNITY CANDLE

A candle is lit for each of you to represent you as individuals and your respective families and backgrounds. Then these two candles are used to light one larger candle which represents your union together in marriage.

WEDDING SELFIE

Pull your best wedding day smile and snap a couple selfie either with your guests or just the most amazing Queenstown scenery behind you. #weddingday