



Are you looking to walk down the aisle arm in arm with tradition? Or are your quintessential wedding day objects more quirky? Whatever takes your fancy, we've had a look around at weird and wonderful objects for brides to take down the aisle to help ignite your ideas.

*'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, and a silver sixpence for her shoe.'*

It's a famous rhyme that nearly every bride has heard. Essentially a British custom, it has been picked up around the world from Czechoslovakia to the USA. But what does it mean? It's a superstition that has unknown origins but has been traced back to the Victorian times. Each of the objects represents a different stage of the bride-to-be's life and where they can expect it to go from there.

Something old is a memento from a happily married friend or family member who wishes to provide a connection to the bride's past. It's a reminder that the bride will always have support and guidance available as they step into their new life. Traditionally the something old is shoes or a wedding veil. Another favourite is a hand-me-down wedding dress. The less conventionally inclined might go for antique table centre pieces. Family heirlooms, (rings or charms,) can be used to spice up the bouquet. Or go for something that really offers comfort. Take that old childhood toy of yours down the aisle with you, (because you didn't buy it for yourself did you?!)

From old to new, the symbolism of a previously unused object is that it offers optimism. For most brides this is their dress, or jewellery given to them by the groom on their wedding day, (another time-honoured tradition.) Hope for the happy couple and their bright and lasting future is represented in the trinket. To us, if you want something a little different for your 'new,' you should be looking for ideas that'll be an ongoing part of your future life. If you don't feel it's vital to carry it down the aisle with you then the options are much broader. An engraved cheeseboard with the names of the bride and groom will find plenty of use during and after the wedding. Alternatively, for the bride who wants something new on her person, a silver compact mirror can be threaded with ribbon and used as decoration on the bouquet.

Jewellery is the starring support of the wedding dress. It's commonly borrowed off one of the bride's relatives, a blessing from their own successful marriage to help bestow good fortune and happiness on the newlyweds. Earrings, necklaces, and the veil are all popular accessories. Some brides borrow their mother's or grandmother's garters.

A great alternative to a veil is a hair piece. Alternatively ask a friend if you can use their nail varnish for the day. You could borrow a cake knife or stand as the cutting of the cake is symbolic of the bridal couple's mutual support and devotion to each other.

The tradition of having blue on your person when getting married comes from the roman era. Back then, brides wore it on their wedding day as it was the colour of virgin purity. It also represents fidelity which is why it is traditional to incorporate it into the day. Commonly brides wear it in their garters, but there are some wonderful ways to mix it up a little. Try a blue wedding gown, or coloured detailing for those who prefer white or ivory. A blue monogram in the bridal underwear is a nice touch. Perhaps wear blue eyeshadow. The best (but restrictive) touch would be the groom himself. If you're lucky enough to be marrying a blue eyed man then you've the ultimate good luck charm already.



Finally there's the  
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For something a little more inventive, you can display it on the side or perhaps as the  
focal point on a peep toe. Whatever takes your fancy, just make sure it's secure!



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