

# 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

*paper*

THE FIRST YEAR OF MARRIAGE IS LIKE  
A CLEAN SHEET OF PAPER,  
A NEW BEGINNING UPON WHICH TO WRITE YOUR  
PASSAGE THROUGH THE YEARS TOGETHER.  
ALSO LIKE PAPER, IT IS FRAGILE AND CAN  
EASILY RIP, NOT HAVING YET BEEN TRIED BY  
THE FIRES OF ADVERSITY  
AND THE STORMS OF LIFE.



# 2nd Anniversary



cotton

LIKE THE INTERWOVEN FIBERS OF COTTON,  
THE SECOND YEAR OF MARRIAGE BRINGS A COUPLE  
CLOSER TOGETHER AS THEIR LIVES BECOME  
INCREASINGLY INTERTWINED. AND AS COTTON IS  
AT THE SAME TIME BOTH STRONG AND SOFT,  
THE COUPLE IS LEARNING HOW TO BE FLEXIBLE  
AND ADAPT TO EACH OTHER'S NEEDS.



3rd Anniversary

leather

LEATHER HAS TRADITIONALLY  
SYMBOLIZED PROTECTION AND COVERING;  
OUR ANCESTORS COVERED AND  
PROTECTED THEMSELVES FROM THE ELEMENTS  
WITH THE LEATHER HIDES OF ANIMALS.  
THE BONDS OF MARRIAGE OFFER SECURITY AND  
SHELTER AS EACH PARTNER TAKES CARE OF THE  
OTHER. NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR, THE GROWING  
RELATIONSHIP IS BECOMING A SOURCE OF  
STABILITY FOR THE MARRIED COUPLE.

# 4th Anniversary

## *fruit and flowers*

DURING THE FOURTH YEAR  
OF MARRIAGE,  
THE BUDDING RELATIONSHIP IS BEGINNING  
TO BLOSSOM LIKE A FLOWER AND RIPEN  
LIKE FRUIT. JUST AS FRUIT NOURISHES  
THE BODY AND FLOWERS THE SOUL,  
SO THE DEEPENING COMMITMENT  
AND NURTURING LOVE OF THE COUPLE  
BRINGS REFRESHMENT AND RENEWAL TO  
THE MARRIAGE.





# 5th Anniversary



*wood*

IN ANCIENT TIMES,  
TREES SYMBOLIZED STRENGTH AND WISDOM.  
BY THE FIFTH YEAR OF MARRIAGE, THE  
MARRIED COUPLE IS DEVELOPING STRONG, DEEP  
ROOTS LIKE A VENERABLE OAK TREE AND IS  
GAINING INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING FROM  
THE MISTAKES AND STUMBLINGS OF THE FIRST  
FIVE YEARS. THE PAIR HAS LEARNED THE MOST  
IMPORTANT LESSON OF ALL AND THE SECRET TO  
A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE: FORGIVENESS

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## *10th Anniversary*

*Tin*

TIN SYMBOLIZES PRESERVATION AND LONGEVITY. AT ONE TIME, FOOD WAS STORED IN TIN-PLATED IRON CANS. THE TIN PROTECTED THE IRON FROM RUST AND CORROSION, PRESERVING THE FOOD INSIDE, POTENTIALLY FOREVER. A COUPLE AT THE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY OF TEN YEARS HAS THE ABILITY TO GO THE DISTANCE. THEREFORE, THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED WITH SPECIAL HONOR.

# 15th Anniversary

*crystal*

CRYSTAL IS THE FIRST TRULY EXPENSIVE GIFT IN THE TRADITIONAL ANNIVERSARY LIST. THE COSTLINESS OF CRYSTAL IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SACRIFICE AND INVESTMENT THE COUPLE HAS MADE TO THE MARRIAGE OVER THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS.

CRYSTAL ALSO SYMBOLIZES CLARITY AND TRANSPARENCY, REFLECTING THE STATE OF THE COUPLE'S RELATIONSHIP. THEY NOW KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER THAN THEY KNOW THEMSELVES.

# 25th Anniversary

silver

SILVER IS ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS METALS KNOWN TO MAN. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRIZED THE WORLD OVER AND CONSIDERED VERY VALUABLE. IT IS THEREFORE AN APPROPRIATE SYMBOL FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. LIKE SILVER, MAY YOUR MARRIAGE CONTINUE TO SHINE IN SPLENDOR AND RADIANCE ALL OF YOUR DAYS AS YOU GROW OLD TOGETHER.