



Barbecue skewers, \$1.25 each, crateandbarrel.com.

40,000

the number of **kebab skewers** couples put on their registries at Crate & Barrel stores in 2010

want **cash?**

Yes, you can register for the green stuff at sites like ourwishingwell.com, depositagift.com, and zankyoun.com. Guests can make contributions in any amount they choose.

Q&A

Why should we register? We don't need china, more towels, or thousand-thread-count sheets.

Before you write off all things bed, bath, and dining room, think long-range: Do you plan on having your families over for Sunday dinner? Your everyday dishes may not cut it. Here's your chance to score nicer (but not necessarily fancy-schmancy) place settings. Also, registries aren't just about posh housewares; plenty are geared toward a couple's interests. You like wine? Sign up for your favorites at wine.com. Into kayaks? Ask for your very own at rei.com. Registering also makes your guests happy, since they'll know they're giving you things you really want.

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the wedding gift I use most

WHAT SHOULD YOU PUT ON YOUR WISH LIST? GET SOME IDEAS FROM RECENTLY WED BRIDES.

“Our cookware. We saw the registry as a way to upgrade to Le Creuset.”—Deb C.

“We didn't make coffee at home before, but now we use our single-serving coffeemaker all the time.”—Katie D.

“We love the silver cake cutter that we used at our wedding. When we entertain, it really comes in handy.”—Kim B.

“The only gift that's not stored in my parents' basement is our seltzer maker. Jon likes to show it off to anyone who visits—he gives a demo and then serves them a glass.”—Nina C.

“A set of colorful nesting bowls from Crate & Barrel. Infinitely useful.”—Joyce I.

“My wok. I never had one before, but now I stir up veggies like an Iron Chef.”—Sarah G.

“An electric tea kettle. I married a Brit who loves his afternoon cuppa.”—Sharon W.

“Wineglasses, of course!”—Kristina L.

“Believe it or not, our toaster.”—Amy K.



“Parker” earthenware five-piece bowl set, \$36.95, crateandbarrel.com.