

# The art of receiving

Although being around for 85 years, a bridal registry is still something many a bride struggles with. We asked Fiona Hilton from The Wedding Gift List for a few pointers.

For decades a gift registry has been seen as not quite “the done thing”. Fortunately it no longer is considered a sign of being greedy or picky but rather a godsend to many a guest who just don’t have a clue or do not want to lug a crystal vase all the way from Edinburgh to Johannesburg.

However, there is still a certain etiquette to consider. The biggest hurdle, for example, is not how you ask, but what you ask for. While an Xbox and a pair of Jimmy Choos may be the only things you’re after, guests want to feel they are helping you start your married life and build your new home. So rather look for

romantic items or pieces you really need for your new home. Remember, it may be your wish list but it is your guests’ money and ultimately they will only buy gifts they feel comfortable giving.

Even so, some guests may still find a bridal registry too impersonal. It therefore helps to make yours your own by including items that reflect your personality, interests and tastes. And do remember to choose items from different price ranges to cater for all guests’ budgets.

For more info on creating and managing an online wedding registry, visit [www.weddinggiftlist.co.za](http://www.weddinggiftlist.co.za).

