



# bomboniere

Make your guests smile with friendly, fun favours, says Gingerbread Folk's managing director Karen Sharman

## Latest trends

"We've found that couples are looking for something unique that combines both elegance and fun," says Gingerbread Folk's managing director, Karen Sharman.

She suggests choosing favours that are conversation starters, so guests will break the ice when they're seated at their table.

This needn't come at a huge expense. Couples are selecting bomboniere that double as placecards and saving on stationery costs. Make sure you incorporate your bomboniere into the theme of the day with appropriate packaging and colours.

Personalised bomboniere (in keeping with your style) is a must. Try gender-specific gifts, printing guests' names on the packaging or bomboniere, or choosing unusual gifts. Still can't decide on the perfect favour? Think about what you would like to receive as a guest, and if it ties in with your budget and wedding style, you're on to a winner!

## Expert tips

- The service you receive with your initial enquiry is a good indication of the service you'll receive throughout and the quality of the product.
- As the bomboniere decision is usually made very early in the piece and is likely to be finalised right at the end, it is important to ensure that you have a good rapport with your supplier.
- Have fun by choosing favours that will get your guests talking.

## Karen's current favourites

Karen gets our mouths watering with her favourite cookies from Gingerbread Folk:

- Personalised bride and groom cookie-place cards with your guests' names
- Personalised heart cookie with bride and groom's name
- Custom-designed themed cookies
- Personalised joined hearts
- Swallowtail butterfly cookie

## TO-DO TIMELINE

SIX MONTHS	DONE
• Look at your guest list and calculate how many bomboniere you will need .....	n
• Determine how much of your budget you are willing to allocate to these guest gifts .....	n
• Search for bomboniere ideas in Bride to Be , craft shops, bridal stores or at bridal fairs. Your wedding stationer may be able to make them .....	n
• Decide if you are going to buy ready-made bomboniere or make your own .....	n
• Shop around and compare prices before you pay anyone. Ask for written quotes, outlining all the costs involved, including delivery to you .....	n
<b>THREE MONTHS</b>	
• If you're making your own bomboniere, buy the supplies you need to do so. Set aside time to put them together in the coming months. Weekends are good as you can enlist the help of friends. If your bomboniere are edible or perishable (e.g. seedlings or chocolates) pick a time that is closer to the date .....	n
<b>TWO WEEKS</b>	
• Call your bomboniere supplier to confirm the order. Be sure to go over the date, time and delivery. Pay any outstanding costs .....	n
• If your bomboniere are homemade, make sure they are finished so you're not stressed out in the week before the wedding .....	n
• Organise for the reception manager, coordinator or a friend to arrange the bomboniere on tables, or in baskets by the door for guests to take home .....	n

## Wed-sites we love

[gingerbreadfolk.com.au](http://gingerbreadfolk.com.au)

Their personalised bride and groom cookies are beautifully presented in pretty, clear gift bags with coordinated satin ribbon.

[phoebe.com.au](http://phoebe.com.au)

See Phoebe Gazal Design's elegant range of favours, organza bags and noodle boxes.

Q For more information regarding bomboniere and favours see [BRIDETOBE.COM.AU](http://BRIDETOBE.COM.AU)