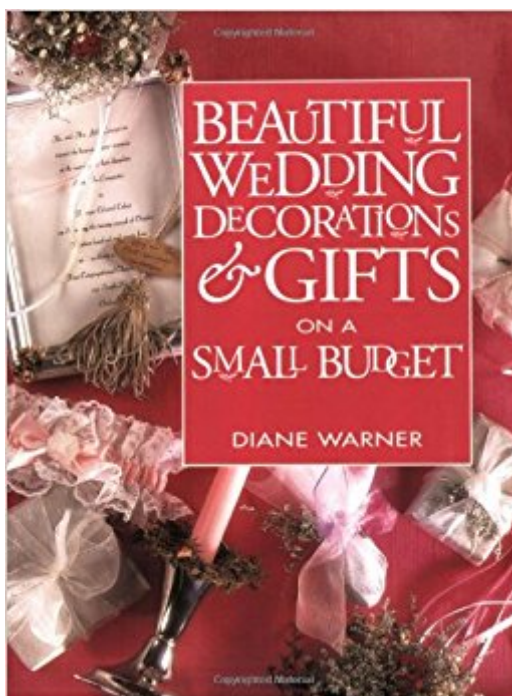


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# Beautiful Wedding Decorations And Gifts On A Small Budget



## Synopsis

Inside, wedding consultant Diane Warner suggests hundreds of clever ways to make your special even extra-special. These are fun and romantic touches that are fast, affordable, easy for anyone to do...and, in the making, all the more meaningful.

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## Customer Reviews

I only bought it for a penny, so I got my money's worth. It probably wasn't bad for its time, but it's dated now.

I have to agree with the previous review; I found the book to be more girly than upscale. Fortunately, I bought the book used, so it wasn't much of an investment. But, yes, if you're looking for "Cinderella", you might find tons of romantic ideas that can keep you within a budget. This book is useful as a starting point, to get your creative juices going. If you're looking for truly unique, memorable, and modern, this book is not for you.

After a lot of research on weddings, I bought this book about a year before my 1996 wedding, and although I never used it for that wedding I kept it because of the ideas that can be used for occasions other than weddings. Biscotti was "hot" at that time, and she has an easy recipe for it to bag and give as gifts. Gift baskets are included as well as something called a "crazy quilt," which looks easy and I hope to attempt one day (mostly to use up all my fabric scraps.) While some of the other reviewers called it "girly," and I agree, but there are more ideas than most people would use.

Mrs. Warner's other books also contain the same types of ideas. The overblown bridal "industry" will have you believe that if you want a "proper" wedding, spending \$10K to \$20K is reasonable. It's not. It is NOT necessary to mortgage your future on a one-day event. That kind of money is a degree! Enjoy your day, of course, but don't blow it on a party. Reasonably priced weddings with all the trimmings are possible. I did it, and it was because I did research before I spent a dime.

This book was a little too girly for my husband and I. He gagged at most of the ideas presented in the book. I did think the book had a few interesting basic ideas, that with some creative thought and know-how could become more suitable decorations. I don't think many people would create exact replicas of the decorations in the book because most of them are a little out-dated and almost any groom would turn their nose up at them. I think just flipping through it in a book store is enough, in fact I never used my copy of the book. If you're looking to make your own wedding decorations I suggest buying actual craft leaflets (like The Complete Wedding Floral Book, by Leisure Arts) which you can get at your local craft store. These leaflets were what I used for my own wedding, and they were ten times more helpful than any wedding decoration book I have come across.

We created the tulle gazebo that is in the book. Other than adding a few extra touches, we did exactly how it was described. We received many compliments on it. I also did some of the favors, and incorporated some of the idea themes into our ceremony and reception. This book may not be for the "Modern Bride", but it is worth looking at if you are wanting to have a "Cinderella Wedding" without the expense.

Lots of tips on everything from the engagement party thru wedding party gifts on to the getaway vehicle. There are plenty of nice line drawings which should help the do-it-yourselfer. This book was a bit too frilly (lots of ribbons and bows) for my taste, but if that's your kind of thing, it would be great.

I don't know where the writer of this book comes from, but it must be from money. There is nothing in this book for a normal bride trying to save money. I would NOT recommend this book for anyone on a budget. It was a total waste of time and money.

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