

# Faye – Bread and Butter Plate

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# Faye – Salad Plate

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# Faye – Dinner Plate

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# Faye – Chop Plate

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## Trend Alert | Hanging Decor

Hanging decor from the ceiling of your venue can transform the look and feel of your event. Not only does it add another dimension to your space, but it also offers more opportunity to make it your own!

### 1. Structures

Structures such as [Hanging Ladders](#) or [Wire Spheres](#) are simple items that serve as a blank canvas to add decor that matches your event's themes or colors. Hanging ladders offer a rustic

feel and a large, flat space where you can place candles or greenery. Wire spheres are a more modern option that can be hung as is, or lined with lights or florals. The possibilities are endless with these versatile items!

## 2. Lights

Whether it's [chandeliers](#) or [string lights](#), lighting is a go-to ceiling treatment option for many planners. Besides adding decorative features to an otherwise blank ceiling, you also get the added bonus of more event-quality lighting.

## 3. Lanterns

Hanging lanterns (either [traditional lanterns](#) or paper lanterns) are a great decor option for a more unique look that will surely be noticed. And setting candles or LED lights inside the lanterns is a great way to transition a space from day to night!

## 4. Fabric

If you have a large expanse to cover, an unsightly ceiling, or just want a super plush look, consider draping fabric across the entire ceiling of your venue. This option [transforms your space](#) completely and can be totally customized for any kind of event.

*Products pictured: [Hanging Ladder](#), [Faye China](#), [Presley Flatware](#), [Ledge Glassware](#), [Wire Sphere](#), [Distressed Wood Chandelier](#), [Gold Circle Chandelier](#), [Caprice Tangerine Tabledrape](#), [Gold Chiavari Chair](#), [Greyson Lanterns](#), [Crimson Polyester Tabledrape](#).*

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# How To | What You Should and Shouldn't DIY for Your Wedding

For the budget-conscious couple, doing DIY for your wedding can be a lifesaver! And there are many aspects of a wedding that make for perfect opportunities to get your craft on. But there are also some things you should leave to the professionals. Here is our breakdown of what you should and shouldn't DIY for your wedding.

## Do DIY: Favors

Forget spending tons of money on expensive customized favors, and do it yourself! Pick out something simple and inexpensive, but something that has meaning to you as a couple. From there you can just use your home printer and some yarn to create custom tags to tie on, or depending on what favors you chose, you can just write directly onto them with a permanent marker.

## Don't DIY: Tableware

Paper or plastic tableware may seem like an easy alternative to rentals, but the negatives usually outweigh the positives of purchasing disposable tableware. Real china and flatware has a look, feel, and presence that disposable tableware just can't match. And when it comes time to clean up, the effort of putting the dirty dishes into the containers they were delivered in versus the effort of putting disposable tableware into trash cans is about the same. Cost differences are mostly minimal, and of course skipping the disposables means a lot less waste, and that's something everyone can get behind!

## **Do DIY: Signage**

If you need to direct your guests or provide important bits of information via signs, it's simple enough to DIY. Buy or rent chalkboard signs, have someone with good penmanship write out the information you need and post them up where necessary. For the experienced DIYer, you can even make your own chalkboard sign with chalkboard paint and an empty picture frame! Then you can stand them on tables, hang them on walls, or place them on easels around your venue.

## **Don't DIY: Photography**

Almost everything that goes into a wedding will be gone the next day. The most important exception to this is the photography. The photos of your wedding day are going to be something you'll cherish for the rest of your life, so you want to make sure you are getting the best! Hire someone you really trust to capture your day exactly how you want it to be memorialized. This is also an area where you don't want to make cuts in the budget – quality is very important when it comes to your wedding photos!

## **Do DIY: Centerpieces**

Depending on the number of tables you plan to decorate, the amount of centerpieces you need shouldn't be a terribly large number. This makes it a simple DIY that won't take up too much of your precious wedding planning time. If you want a more traditional floral look, buy or rent some vases or floral bowls and load them up with fake or real flowers. Candelabras or candlesticks are an easy one-step option, or get creative with different looks and themes and practice your arts and crafts skills on totally unique centerpieces!

## **Don't DIY: Cake**

Unless you happen to be a professional baker, chances are you don't actually know exactly what goes into making a wedding cake. From the sheer size to the considerations of conditions, temperature and storage, a lot goes into a wedding cake. It's not exactly the time or place to experiment with your home baking skills. It's best to leave all of that to the professionals.

## **Do DIY: Paper Goods**

Some websites like Shutterfly, Vistaprint, or even Etsy allow you to customize templates for invitations, programs, and menus, or upload your own custom design and get them printed and sent straight to your house. Or, if you really want to save some dough, just type up all your paper goods on your computer and print them at home on some nice cardstock for a gorgeous minimalist look.

## **Don't DIY: Dinner**

Similar to the cake situation, catering a wedding is not as easy as it may seem. Feeding that many people is a no easy task, and getting those calculations correct takes practice. Then you would also have to arrange where to cook it all, how and where to store it, and how to serve it. A caterer can usually handle all of those things behind the scenes, so you can happily cross that off your to-do list.

*Products pictured: [Faye Chop Plate](#), [Chalkboard Stand](#), [Satin French Blue Tabledrape](#), [Parker Flatware](#), [Gold Rim Glass Charger](#), [Jane Gold Dinner Plate](#), [Jane Gold Salad Plate](#), [Peacock Dixie Goblet](#), [Empire Wine Glass](#), [Empire Champagne Glass](#), [Gold Candlesticks](#), [Palms Tabledrape](#), [Gold Beaded Charger](#), [Lucca Black Dinner Plate](#), [Lucca Black Salad Plate](#), [Arya Flatware](#), [Linen Olive Napkin](#), [Gold Napkin](#), [Amber Dixie Goblet](#), [Element Side Table](#), [Enzo Side Table](#), [Stemless Wine](#)*

[Glass](#), [Felicity Dining Chairs](#), [Ledge Water Glass](#), [Ledge Wine Glass](#), [Ledge Champagne Glass](#), [White Chiavari Chairs](#).

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## Looks We Love | Halloween

Depending on the type of Halloween celebration you are planning, your decor may vary from spooky to cutesy – or may even evolve into something else entirely with a themed party. Check out the photos above for some of our favorite Halloween looks for this year.

Products pictured: [Black Satin Tabledrape](#), [Manhattan White Overlay](#), [Round Lacquered Black Charger](#), [Rio Ruby Dinner Plate](#), [Ritz Dinner Plate](#), [Tiffany Plate](#), [Red Satin Napkin](#), [Smith Flatware](#), [Black Benson Goblet](#), [Ledge Balloon Wine Glass](#), [Ledge Champagne Glass](#), [Zipp Licorice Napkin](#), [Black Satin Napkin](#), [Organza Spiderweb Overlay](#), [Loden Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Chrome Bird Nest Bread Basket](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Table](#), [Satin Orchid Runner](#), [Black Sequins Runner](#), [Grace Silver Glass Charger](#), [Ritz Salad Plate](#), [Sage Polyester Napkin](#), [Satin Fig Napkin](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Smoke Dixie Goblet](#), [Sonoma Red Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Caprice Mango Runner](#), [Ava Blush Charger](#), [Faye Dinner Plate](#), [Cognac Luster Salad Plate](#), [Charleston Bread and Butter Plate](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkin](#), [White Benson Goblet](#), [Leyton Loveseat](#), [Austin Cocktail Table](#), [Charcoal Brigette Pillow](#), [Blush Brigette Pillow](#), [Long Drink](#), [Molly Runner](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Round Table](#), [Round Beaded Platinum Charger](#), [Lucca Ivory Salad Plate](#), [Sprinkle Ivory Runner](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Bronze Tree Cupcake Stand](#), [Satin Fuchsia Napkin](#), [Scroll Flatware](#), [Black Chiavari Chairs](#).

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# How To | Throw a Co-Ed Baby Shower

Everyone loves to celebrate a little one on the way, so there's no reason to restrict a baby shower guest list to women only! Co-ed baby showers are becoming more popular these days, but how do you evolve the décor and activities to match? It can still be challenging to plan a baby shower that isn't over-the-top cutesy and girly, especially if you are expecting a little girl. Check out the tips below for some ideas on how to throw a co-ed baby shower that everyone will enjoy.

## Decor

When choosing decor, remember that while you are celebrating the arrival of a baby, this particular party is for the adults, and it is for men as well as women. Instead of decorating it in line with how you would a kid's birthday party, think more along the lines of a wedding. Keep the décor classy instead of cutesy. If you still want to stick with traditional pink or blue color schemes, try just toning down the bright nursery colors to more "adult" versions, like burgundy or navy. You can also add a masculine edge to softer color palettes by incorporating metallic hues, like copper and gunmetal silver.

## Food

When thinking about a menu, keep in mind that the guys at your party probably won't be satisfied with finger foods alone. If your shower is going to be around a meal time, be sure to offer a main course that will please everyone. Look into catering options or see if you can commission a couple friends and family to help cook up big batches of food.

## **Drinks**

In most cases, the key to making sure the guys have a good time is to serve some good drinks. Try to have enough beer, wine, and maybe one or two cocktail ingredients on hand, plus a selection of non-alcoholic beverage options for any moms-to-be, designated drivers, and non-drinkers. Stock juice and soda for some refreshing mocktails, and of course the staples like water, tea and lemonade.

## **Games**

Traditional baby shower games may be on their way out of style in general, but especially with a co-ed crowd. Activities are always a plus, but keep it simple and don't try to force the "fun." Provide some casual lawn games and if you still want to have a big group activity, think about games that are easy to participate in and not too cheesy, like trivia or fill-in-the-blanks.

## **Gifts**

With a co-ed baby shower, it's important to put the focus on the dad-to-be as well as the mom. This means you should open all your gifts together, so make sure to have seating set up for the both of you. Ask a friend to sit nearby and take notes for your thank you cards. Having another person on hand to help bring gifts to mom and dad and stash all the unwrapped goodies will do wonders in making sure gifts don't get lost or accidentally tossed in the trash.

## **Favors**

Everyone probably has enough mini bottles of bubbles, and the guys at your shower likely won't appreciate a bottle of nail polish as a favor. If you are going to give out favors to your guests, make sure it is something functional that both men and women can appreciate. Baked goods, mini bottles of alcohol, custom BBQ spice rubs, or even lottery scratcher tickets can

be simple and inexpensive favors that won't go immediately in the junk drawer.

*Products pictured: [Faye Chop Plate](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Linen White Tabledrape](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkins](#), [Taupe Polyester Napkins](#), [Presley Flatware](#), [Beer Pilsner Glass](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Water Goblet](#), [Sprinkle Blush Runner](#), [Copper Organza Overlay](#), [Mahogany Chiavari Chair](#), [Navy Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Delilah Cloud Oversized Runner](#), [Round Beaded Platinum Charger](#), [Lucca Grey Dinner Plate](#), [Kate Salad Plate](#), [Satin Fig Napkin](#), [Metro Flatware](#), [Copper Mug](#), [Stemless Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Gunmetal Dining Chair](#), [Navy Polyester Runner](#), [Round Light Wicker Charger](#), [Maui Ocean Glass Salad Plate](#), [Madison Flatware](#), [Teal Bubble Water Goblet](#), [Pina Colada Glass](#), [White Lantern](#), [Copper Hammered Chafer with Wrought Iron Base](#), [Cube Reservation Stand](#), [Taupe Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Brigette Bench](#), [Burgundy Polyester Tabledrape](#), [White Round Cupcake Stand](#). Contributing photos by Derek Nguyen and Ray Santiago.*