

## Fun Ideas for Unity Candles

Unity candles are a traditional wedding element meant to signify the union of two hearts becoming one. The “unity” is accomplished with two taper candles used to light one pillar candle.

Here are some fun ideas for making unity candles part of your wedding tradition:

- **Purchase a unity candle that reflects your heritages.** Check with your wedding retailers for unique takes on unity candles. You may even find a custom candle suiting for your needs.
- **Let your mothers select the candle together.** This can be a nice outing and bonding experience for them.
- **Big sports fans?** Choose colors for your alma mater or if you went to rival schools, make it opposing colors. You may not be united on which games to attend, but you can showcase the commitment it takes to marry a rival.
- **Store your candle and tapers in a special box.** You can remember your union by lighting it on your anniversary each year.
- **Use the power of scents to create a mood.** Smell is even more powerful than sight. If you have a favorite scent or are seeking to make the ceremony more intimate, make a memory with a scented candle.
- **Use the candle to light a fireworks display.** You can do this outside the reception to kick off or end the festivities.
- **Incorporate the candle into your cake cutting ceremony.** Let your fathers light it before the toasts.
- **Monogram it.** Showcase the new family seal on this symbol of unity.
- **Make it a photo.** Be sure your photographer captures this photo. Reflect on the meaning of that candle on your first anniversary.



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