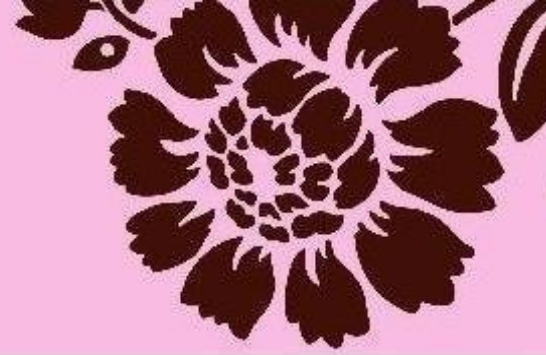


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## 'Wine Ceremony'

The Wine Ceremony can be done two ways. The first is to have one wine glass filled with a liquid. (I'd suggest a clear liquid in case any spills happen.) After I talk about the meaning of the glass, the glass is handed to the groom, who takes a sip; he hands it to his bride, who takes a sip and hands it back to me. This ceremony can also be done using two glasses and intertwining arms as you both take a sip. It is quite charming and very romantic.

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### Wine Ceremony #1

This wine glass is to remind you of your love. Delicate, yet strong; filled with love, yet with room for more. It symbolizes two people coming together to share one life, one love.

Use this loving cup for miracles. Fill it with forgiveness, understanding and appreciation. Drink deeply and often. Whenever you do, remember this:

Love is real. Once created, it cannot be destroyed. It is eternal.

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### Wine Ceremony #2

This glass of wine symbolizes the sum of your life experiences. It contains within it the sweet flavors of love, joy, wonder and contentment.

This same cup, at times, holds the bitter taste of sadness, pain, and despair. When you drink deeply of this cup of life, you invite the full spectrum of experiences into your life.

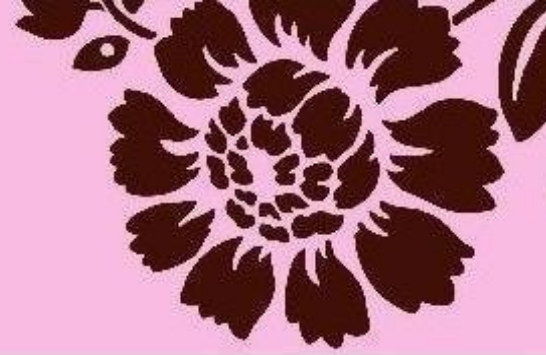
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As you drink from this cup, you accept the commitment to draw from your marriage all that you need to wash away the bitter flavors of life and to savor the sweet flavors you will experience on your journey together.

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## Wine Ceremony #3

Life is a series of contradictions. It is said that all things end and yet all things continue. All things change and yet all things remain the same.

Wine has been called the symbol of life. It is like the blood flowing within our bodies. By sharing this glass, the two become one, the parts become whole; two paths intertwined, each separate, yet united in love.

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## Wine Ceremony #4

Wine, like the life-blood that pulses through our veins, is a symbol of life. It is created through the work of hands and minds.

Love, a feeling, in constant motion like the sea, lies in the soul alone. Just as wine stimulates the body, love stimulates our souls to welcome the spirit of God.

As you share this wine glass today, may you be joined in a love as fluid as the drink itself, yet as solid as the hands which made it.

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## Wine Ceremony #5

The years of our lives are as a cup of wine, poured out for us to drink. As grapes when they are pressed give forth their juices for the wine, so under the wine press of time, our lives give forth their labor, their honor, their love.

<Bride> and <Groom>, often in the days to come you will sit at the same table and break bread together. Drink now, and may the cup of your lives be sweet and full to running over.

As you have shared from this one cup of wine, so may you draw contentment, comfort, and delight from the cup of life. May you find life's joys heightened, its bitterness sweetened, and all things hallowed, by your companionship and love.

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