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There's so much to think about while planning a wedding, even if you've given yourself plenty of time to get all the details in order. Most women give initial thought to choosing a reception venue, a location for the ceremony, their own gown, and the gowns for their bridesmaids. They help their soon-to-be spouse decide on the right tuxedo for the men, work on the dinner menu, and consider where to go for the honeymoon.

Often, some of the little details tend to fall through the cracks though, in the scope of things, they may be pretty important. One of those little details is the purchase of the candles for the unity candle service, a very essential part of most Christian wedding ceremonies these days. The unity candle and the accompanying taper candles are sometimes supplied by the church, but most often the couple wants to choose their own.

Personalized Unity Candles literally come in a variety of shapes and sizes these days. While many people choose the traditional round candle, you can also purchase these personalized candles in a more modern square shape. These particular candles look especially classy for very formal weddings – like black tie affairs – and can be adorned with a black ribbon or black monogramming for a very formal look.

For those who prefer something much more traditional, the more standard round candle also comes in a variety of options. Couples can begin by choosing a color. White isn't necessarily the standard choice these days. Most companies that sell personalized unity candles also offer certain styles in ivory, which is ideal if the bride has chosen to wear an ivory dress. You may even be able to find some styles of unity candle in a light pastel, such as pink. In addition, couples can choose the standard white or ivory candle and limit the inclusion of color to the monogram or image that appears on the candle.

Yet another option is the floating unity candle. Also a bit contemporary in appearance, a floating candle set includes a glass vessel that is filled with water. A small candle floats on top. Later, the personalized vessel can be emptied and used as a vase for fresh or artificial flowers. Like regular unity candles, these can be personalized with names of the couple, the date of the wedding, an appropriate image, and perhaps some other verse or Bible passage.

Couples can opt to purchase just the candles needed for the candle lighting ceremony or may choose to buy an entire set, which generally includes the monogrammed center candle – usually about 9 in. tall, 2 taper candles, and a stand that holds all three. The stands are usually silver- or gold-toned and often include a heart motif.

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