

Below is a detailed list of the most common traditional and modern anniversary celebration themes according to their year.

Technically, only the 25th and 50th anniversaries are celebrated in public.

Anniversary stones are dominant in most milestones dates, which are the five-year marks. And since there are no official traditional or modern themes for the sixteenth to nineteenth and for the twenty-first to twenty-fourth anniversaries, they should be celebrated according to the anniversary stone.

Scroll down the list to find your wedding anniversary year:

1st Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Gold jewelry

Congratulations! You are no longer considered newlyweds. But it's too early to mark this event with a stone -- so go for gold. Symbolize higher goals and dreams by a heart bangle with special engraving. Remember gold is the yang, the sun, good luck, and happiness.

Traditional Theme: Paper

Yes, you've made it past these twelve months but you're still considered a lightweight, and anything can happen. So paper is the theme, a fragile material that needs care but is very romantic; think of poetry, album photos, etc. Make a book with all the love letters written to one another. Think of the environment and print them on recycled paper. This way your love will never go to waste.

Modern Themes: Plastics and Clocks

2nd Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Garnet

Egyptian Goddess Isis adored garnets. They symbolize faith, truth and friendship. Isis being the Goddess of fertility, could this mean that your twosome will soon become a threesome? Or is it just that your relationship is so strong it keeps giving out richness and growth?

Traditional Theme: Cotton

May be you're like Penelope who kept weaving her tapestry during the day and unweaving it at night to fight off suitors while waiting the return of her beloved Ulysses. Think of old world bed linens, tapestries, sarongs and the embroidered hankie, which can be a powerful and romantic tool as a gift of comfort.

Modern Themes: Cotton / Calico / China

3rd Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Pearl

A symbol of purity, Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, considered the pearl to be sacred. A wonderful treasure of the sea, the pearl comes to life embedded in the finest oysters. Throughout the ages, pearl divers who could dive up to 72 feet were the subject of many stories and legends.

Traditional Theme: Leather

How about a western or old-fashioned prairie feel to your celebration? Just round-up close friends and family members, and wine and dine to your heart's content. Or you could just run out, get a couple of travel bags, grab your Stetson Man, and head off to the wild, wild west, just the two of you.

Modern Themes: Leather / Crystal / Glass

4th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Blue Topaz

A tease, a prelude to next year's big gem, Blue Topaz is available in hues from cool sky blue to deep Swiss blue. This sparkling gemstone symbolizes strength and intelligence.

Traditional Theme: Flowers

Sometimes, once in a while, tradition doesn't live up to the circumstance. To spice things up -- after all you've been at this for four years now -- think of Blue Topaz flower jewels, or set the stage in a beautiful garden; if you don't have your own, try your local winter garden or throw a flower ball in her honor, and choose the flower of your wedding month, or yours and her home-state or homeland.

Modern Themes: Linen / Silk / Nylon / Appliances

I'd be careful with the appliances idea.

5th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Sapphire

Finally something to write home about! The most popular precious stone, Sapphire is a symbol of faith and goodness. Truly revered, the deep celestial blue hue of this gem is an all time favorite.

Traditional Theme: Wood

The Fifth Anniversary is a very special one. It marks a turn in your marriage years. Statistics show that you are entering a danger zone because most divorces happen in the 5-7 years bracket. Is it boredom, routine, life taking its toll? No one knows but you must make an effort to make this anniversary extra special. After all you've made it this far, which is already an accomplishment according to the same statistics.

Modern Themes: Wood / Silverware

6th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Amethyst

Amethysts have been coveted by royalty throughout the ages as symbols of wisdom, strength and confidence. They are members of the quartz family known to hold mysterious powers, and ward off evil. Remember you're still in the danger zone; this could come in handy.

Traditional Theme: Candy / Iron

There's something truly exciting about candy. Is it because it's the first gift a little girl gets from a little boy? Is it the lure of danger (your mother always told you not to talk to strangers even if they gave you candy)? Or is it just a hormonal chain reaction? Sweet nothings go a long way. Plan an Amethyst in a bowl of purple Island Punch flavored jellybeans, and she'll melt.

Modern Themes: Iron / Wood

7th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Onyx

Legend has it that one day Cupid cut the divine fingernails of Venus with an arrowhead while she was sleeping. He left the clippings scattered around on the sand, and the fates

(the three Goddesses, Clotho, Lachesis and Antropos, who control human destiny) turned them into Onyx so that no part of the heavenly body would ever perish.

Traditional Theme: Copper / Wool

Copper is known for its healing virtues, and since you've made it through the danger zone, it is only fair that you need a little healing. Copper makes a wonderful color for a themed party, with a wide range of hues available. As for wool, think of a warm blanket that you can both cuddle under, or Shetland sweaters that you can take to the Highlands.

Modern Themes: Copper / Wool / Brass / Desk Sets

8th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Tourmaline

Pink, orange, green, golden, or red, Tourmaline could be called the mood stone. It can take on any color of the rainbow and then some, thus making it a gemological puzzle. Perfect in any occasion, it resembles the wearer, and takes on its personality and traits.

Traditional Theme: Bronze / Pottery

Who could forget the very sensual scene in Ghost where Demi More and Patrick Swaze are loved in an embrace while making pottery? So run to the art store and get your personal beginner's kit, or throw an arts & crafts party and ask all your friends to come ready to create.

Modern Themes: Linens

9th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Lapis Lazuli

Latin for stone and Arabic for sky-blue, Lapis Lazuli literally translates to azure stone. Second to Onyx, Lapis Lazuli is a favorite among men. Its deep blue hue can easily be worn, and has a masculine deep shade. Most Lapis Lazuli come from Afghanistan, and because of the stone's popularity, there are many imitations or dyed stones out there; so be very careful as to the origin of the stone, and be sure to ask for a certificate of authenticity.

Traditional Theme: Pottery / Willow

Weeping willows are some of the most romantic trees to engrave your love onto. Usually close to water, a symbol of life, these trees can blossom most anywhere. If you prefer the timeless factor, opt for a fairy-tale picnic at the foot of a willow oak -- symbolizing romance and strength.

Modern Themes: Leather

10th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Diamond jewelry

It is unbelievable that one would have to wait ten years for a diamond. But such is tradition, and while you may have splurged on THE gem before this milestone date, 'tis is the time to hit it big. Diamonds are especially nice because they can be worn easily both by men and women. Perhaps an up-graded pair of wedding bands with diamonds would do justice to your ongoing commitment to one another.

Traditional Theme: Tin

Remember the Tin Man who found that he indeed had a heart? Well, this is one

explanation for this traditional theme. Another would be the meaning derived from the properties of tin -- a malleable metal often used in coating to help prevent corrosion. After all, 10 years together definitely shows strength, lack of corrosion and most surely malleability.

Modern Themes: Aluminum / Diamond
Forget Aluminum. Stick to diamonds.

11th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Turquoise

Very important to the Egyptians and Aztecs, in the US, Turquoise has mostly been associated with Native American Folk Art, and thus has seen its popularity go through many ups-and-downs. Yet, connoisseurs have always associated Turquoise to skillful jewelry artistry and other decorative arts -- much like Amber and Ivory were used. While most of us think of Arizona as the main producer of this gem, experts look to Persia -- today, mostly Iran and Turkey -- for high quality Turquoise gems.

Traditional Theme: Steel

While the industry continuously strives to innovate, steel is rarely used in jewelry because most stones cannot be set in steel. With new techniques such as "tension" and the setting of diamonds on watch bezels, it is nowadays possible to find this timeless, resistant metal in fine jewelry making. However, it is still a novelty and precious metals such as gold are the preferred method of setting fine jewelry.

Modern Themes: Steel / Jewelry

Congratulations! You're above the ten-year mark. A lot has happened in ten years but some things never change. Now would be a good time for a major overhaul, after all not all things are made of steel. It may even be time for a new car. One that can travel the road with you and your loved one on another ten-year journey.

12th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Jade

Although the beauty of Jade is reason enough to wear it, most revere its healing and mystical powers. Today, Jade is worn as much as an amulet as fine jewelry. Its wearers believe in its protective properties and capacity to bring good health and luck. The royal gemstone of China, Jade has a steel-like toughness often associated with the Gods. Nowadays, the most sought after Jade comes from Burma -- today known as Myanmar.

Traditional Theme: Silk / Linen

If your loved one appears jaded, it's a good sign. It means you've done a fantastic job during the past eleventh anniversaries. One of the reasons Jade is so popular is because of its deep translucent green color. Green is the color of hope -- and of the almighty greenback -- so compliment her new Jade talisman with a set of deep green, silk satin sheets.

Modern Themes: Silk / Linen / Pearl

13th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Citrine

A bolt of energy and light, Citrine ranges in color from lemon-yellow to amber-brown; perfect colors for anyone. Citrine jewelry is especially popular for the flattering glow it

casts on every complexion. A member of the quartz family, Citrine symbolizes truth and integrity.

Traditional Theme: Lace

How romantic and feminine! Real lace is actually very hard to find and can fetch astronomical prices. The most famous lace comes from Calais, France; Florence, Italy; and Vienna, Austria. For a couple of years now, it seems that knitting is back in fashion. So, grab some needles and make your own gift.

Modern Themes: Lace / Fur / Textiles

14th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Opal

The most dramatic looking of all gemstones, Opal is known for its dazzling, fiery combination of colors. The unique formation of tiny spheres that make up each Opal creates this magnificent play of colors. Opal is a symbol of hope and inspiration.

Traditional Theme: Ivory

Ivory is certainly beautiful but, unfortunately, it is also illegal. Since 1989, both African and Asian elephants are protected against poachers looking for their tusks -- since the 1970s, aggressive poaching put these extraordinary animals on the endangered species list (CITES). Only older pieces can now be found mostly in antique shops or museums. If you own heirlooms made of Ivory, be careful when traveling internationally as the customs of different nations may be authorized to seize them.

Modern Themes: Ivory / Gold

15th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Ruby

Prized by kings throughout the ages, the precious Ruby is a rare gem. An extremely durable stone, Ruby is loved for its luscious berry-red hues, and is a symbol of happiness and good fortune. Even today, Ruby enjoys a ratio of 2.1 when compared to the price of diamonds.

Traditional Theme: Crystal

Crystal is very pure and is one of the most popular gifts on wedding registries. The problem is that by now, you have probably accumulated enough crystal bowls, vases, glasses, flutes, and plates to last you a lifetime. Instead, try some beautiful mouth-blown crystal jewelry. A lot of designers and venerable luxury houses have launched accessory collections using this amazing material.

Modern Themes: Glass / Watches

Watches tell time. Time spent apart and time captured together. Nowadays, it is very common to find watches with adornments such as diamond bezels, ruby cabochons, mother of pearl dials, gold or baguette markers, etc. Dials are a beautiful way to send a personal message with special engraving.

16th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Peridot

Peridot is French for "gem." Ranging in color from light yellow-green to deep-olive, the versatile Peridot is often referred to as the "Evening Emerald." Admired for its sunlit glow, Peridot symbolizes warmth and charity.

17th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Watches

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18th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Cat's Eye Chrysoberyl

When visiting a fine Japanese jewelry store, Cat's Eye Chrysoberyl will most likely be the highlight of the men's jewelry showcase. The gem's almost exclusive identification with men, and the Japanese's passion for it are a mystery. Perhaps it's its translucent honey, milky color. Or it could be the mysterious slit of reflected white light that intersects the stone lengthwise when cut in cabochon form.

19th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Aquamarine

Beloved for its cool serene ice blue hues, Aquamarine retains excellent clarity. In ancient times, this gem was thought to be capable of preserving youth and health. Aquamarine is commonly thought to symbolize peace and tranquility.

20th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Emerald

Beloved by Venus, Roman Goddess of love and beauty, Emerald is one of the most prized gemstones. Precious in every way, Emerald has a rich spring-green color that symbolizes growth and fertility.

Traditional Theme: China

Like Crystal, you probably own enough of it by now, that you've started giving it away to your children who are getting married. So on this twentieth anniversary, why not take a long-needed trip. One that will stay with you for many years to come. The land of China holds many treasures and is an exotic destination. Or you could take a trip to France in the region of Limoges to see what the big fuss about China is all about.

Modern Themes: China / Platinum

Platinum is the other precious metal. Unlike gold, it doesn't need any alloys when made into a jewelry item. Gold at its purest (24K) is too soft for jewelry, but platinum can be used directly as Mother Nature made it.

25th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Emerald

Beloved by Venus, Roman Goddess of love and beauty, Emerald is one of the most prized gemstones. Precious in every way, Emerald has a rich spring-green color that symbolizes growth and fertility.

Traditional Theme: Silver

Silver owes its name to ancient alchemists who called it Luna or Diana after the

Goddess of the Moon. Silver conducts heat and electricity better than any other metal, and with the exception of gold, is the most malleable of all natural metals. It has been used as an adornment and coinage metal since ancient times. Silver is usually alloyed with small amounts of other metals to make it harder and more durable.

Modern Themes: Silver

30th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Pearl Jubilee

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Traditional Theme: Pearl / Cloisonn 

Originating in Beijing, China, Cloisonn  is enamelware, which requires bronze and porcelain-working skills as well as traditional painting and etching, making it the pinnacle of traditional Chinese handicraft. Cloisonn  is used in home d cor, and young women love bracelets and earrings, which make great gifts.

Modern Themes: Pearl

35th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Emerald

Beloved by Venus, the Roman Goddess of love and beauty, Emerald is one of the most prized gemstones. Precious in every way, Emerald has a rich spring-green color that symbolizes growth and fertility.

Traditional Theme: Coral

Coral is among the most ancient of gem materials, used for adornment since prehistoric times. Coral inlays and ornaments have been found in Celtic tombs from the Iron Age; it is one of the seven treasures in Buddhist scriptures; and Tibetan Lamas use coral rosaries. Coral was long thought to be a powerful talisman that could stop bleeding, protect from evil spirits, and ward off hurricanes.

Modern Themes: Coral / Jade

40th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Ruby

Prized by kings throughout the ages, the precious Ruby is a rare gem. An extremely durable stone, Ruby is loved for its luscious berry-red hues and is a symbol of happiness and good fortune.

Traditional Theme: Ruby / Garnet

The Egyptian Goddess Isis adored garnets, and they symbolize faith, truth, and friendship. Isis being the Goddess of fertility, it is a good sign that after 40 years, your relationship has been fertile in more ways than one.

Modern Themes: Ruby

45th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Sapphire

The most popular precious stone, Sapphire is known for its brilliance and durability. Although it occurs in every color except red, the stone is best known and loved for its deep celestial blue hue. Sapphire is a symbol of faith and goodness.

Traditional Theme: Sapphire

Modern Themes: Sapphire

50th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Golden Jubilee

Always a sure value, yellow gold is the most precious material. Complement your treasure chest with chains and slides that can easily work with any pendant or neck styles. A special gift would be a necklace made of 50 gold chains all in variable length that your loved one can easily wear day after day, and from day-to-evening.

Traditional Theme: Gold

Modern Themes: Gold

60th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Diamond

Diamonds are a worldwide symbol of love, and the most brilliant gemstone. The ancient Greeks believed that they were splinters of stars that had fallen to Earth. Diamond jewelry is universally treasured as a symbol of everlasting love and perfection.

Traditional Theme: Diamond Jubilee

Modern Themes: Diamond / Gold

70th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Sapphire

The most popular precious stone, Sapphire is known for its brilliance and durability. Although it occurs in every color except red, the stone is best known and loved for its deep celestial blue hue. Sapphire is a symbol of faith and goodness.

Traditional Theme: Sapphire Jubilee

Modern Themes: Sapphire

75th Wedding Anniversary

Anniversary Stone: Diamond

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