

Instant Gratification

If you can't wait to see how you photographed in your gown, and also want a way to entertain guests during the reception, try one of these fun options:

OLD SCHOOL Let your guests put together your photo album for you. At the reception, create a photo-taking area complete with props and a backdrop, where guests can take wacky yet endearing Polaroid pictures of the day. They can then place their pictures in an album along with notes to the newlyweds.

PRICE: Adesso Albums' "Begin Now Kit" contains one album, camera, and two packs of film for \$139.95.

GET IT: Alice B. King Fine Stationery, Bridgehampton, 631-537-5115, adessoalbums.com



HIGH TECH Set up an iMac that's installed with iSight and PhotoBooth. Guests can take photos of themselves, view the images while doing so, and then, for fun, turn themselves into faux-Warhol portraits, or twist their features as they would appear in a carnival fun house mirror. The best part:

You can turn the images into a great wedding book by having guests write notes to you that can later be scanned in and printed next to their pictures. You can complete the entire book-building process in iPhoto, which comes standard on any new Mac.

PRICE: \$1,299

GET IT: Maybe you already have it, or apple.com



RETRO LUXE Go all out by renting a photo booth. NYC Photobooth provides classic photo booths with velvet curtains and vintage signs from the '60s. Unlimited photo "cards" print out in just ten seconds. Each card has two strips of three photos running down each side, with an inch of space in the middle for your logo or wedding date. The company will deliver, set-up, and remove the booth, plus provide unlimited photos for five hours and a customized scrapbook in which to mount the digital print-outs. They can also set up video projection of the photos to be displayed slide-show-style on plasma screens.

PRICE: Rates start at \$1,595

GET IT: NYC Photobooth, 212-812-2130, nycphotobooth.com



The Kids Are Alright

If you're inviting children to your reception, keep them entertained, so that they, and the adults around them, can truly enjoy the party. The team at **Wedding Sitters** provides one CPR- and first aid-certified sitter for every four children, and she comes prepared to watch over a wide range of ages.

Included in the hourly fee is a full-service "Princesses and Knights" tea party (complete with cupcakes and cookies for the little ones to decorate themselves). Afterward, kids are entertained with crafts, games, and a Disney movie. Cost: \$95 to \$125 per child for up to five hours of service (discounted group rates available).



The Wedding Sitters
866-523-0902, theweddingsitters.com

Most Popular Songs Now

According to **Harris Lane**, band leader and president of New York City-based Hank Lane Music & Productions (212-767-0600, hanklane.com), New York couples' tastes vary widely when it comes to choosing cocktail hour and reception music.

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Try: Ira Gershwin's "Embraceable You"
Cole Porter's "Night and Day"
Irving Berlin's "Always"

- ▶ "For the reception, our couples are requesting '80s music—everything from Madonna to Bon Jovi and Guns N' Roses," says Lane.

Try: Madonna's "Holiday"
David Bowie's "Let's Dance"
Prince's "Kiss"