

THRIFT STORE WEDDING DECOR SHOPPING CHECKLIST

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Core Items to Look For

- ☐ Brass candlesticks (varied heights)
- ☐ Silver-plated platters and trays (look for EPNS marking)
- ☐ Crystal or colored glassware (no chips)
- ☐ Large ornate gold frames (wood or plaster)
- ☐ Woven baskets (wicker or seagrass)

Inspect Before You Buy

- ☐ Check glass under bright light for hairline cracks
- ☐ Check wood joints for dry rot or looseness
- ☐ Check metal for heavy corrosion or staining risk
- ☐ Confirm item is cleanable (no deep smoke or wax odor)
- ☐ Check ceramic bottoms for maker's marks

Weatherproofing for Outdoor Use

- ☐ Choose heavy bases (marble, cast iron, solid wood) for wind resistance
- ☐ Seal painted items with clear matte or gloss spray
- ☐ Level furniture on grass with shims or flat stones
- ☐ Weight lace or linen hems with sewn-in fishing weights
- ☐ Treat rusted metal with rust-inhibitor spray

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