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Creative Custom Ceremonies For All Occasions



Custom Addition: 'Sand Ceremony'

The concept of the Sand Ceremony is similar to that of the Unity Candle Ceremony. It symbolizes the coming together of two people as they form their marriage bond. Sand Ceremonies can be customized in any number of ways, from a simple blending of two vials of Natural or White sand by the Bride and Groom to the incorporation of many colors of sand poured by multiple people all at once or one at a time. The following are just a few examples of how a Sand Ceremony can be performed.

Sand Ceremony No.1

This sand is symbolic of <Bride> and <Groom>, each two separate individuals in their own right. Combining these two very different colors of sand with one another symbolizes the strength and unity of two into one, depicting <Bride> and <Groom>'s belief that together they can become greater than each of them could alone.

Sand Ceremony No.2

I hold here in my hands two glass vials, each of which is filled with a different color of sand. These two distinctly different colors of sand represent <Groom> and <Bride> as they currently exist – as two distinctly different and separate individuals.

As <Bride> and <Groom> each pour the contents of their respective vials into this one vessel, the sand that once was separate will become a beautiful and unique blend of both colors.

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The grains of sand within this vase no longer exist independently of one another and their mixture can never be undone. The same is true of the marital bond that now exists between <Bride> and <Groom>.

Sand Ceremony No.3

<Bride> and <Groom>, having pledged, and sealed your vows by the giving and receiving of rings, you have made a promise to share the rest of your lives with one other. The unity and strength of your marital bond is symbolized through the pouring of these two separate vials of sand into one beautiful and unique blend.

This <Color> sand represents you, <Bride>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you will ever be. This <Color> sand represents you, <Groom>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

As these two vials of sand are poured together into this vase, the individual vials of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one.

May your lives, like these grains of sand, remain forever blended, never to be separated and poured again into their individual containers.

Sand Ceremony No.4

<Bride> and <Groom>, having pledged and sealed your vows by the giving and receiving of rings, you have made a promise to share the rest of your lives together. Here on this altar are three separate containers - two of which are filled with sand and one of which is unfilled, ready to receive the contents of both individual vials.

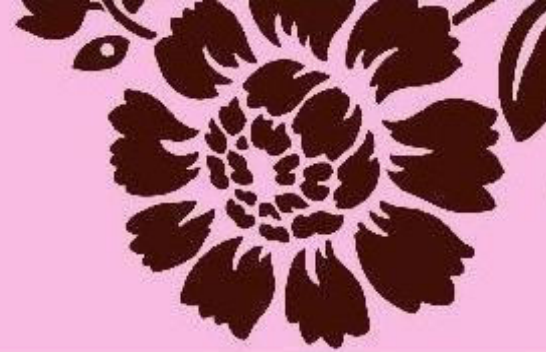
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The sand in one of these vials represents you, <Bride>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you shall become. The sand in the other vial represents you, <Groom>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you shall become. As you fill this vase with the sand from each of your vials, you are symbolizing the transformation of your individual selves into something larger and greater than what existed before.

May your lives, like these grains of sand, remain forever blended, never to be separated and poured again into their individual containers.

Sand Ceremony No.5

To symbolize the importance of the individuals within a marriage and the joining of two lives into one, three colors of sand will now be layered into a vase.

We begin with a layer of Neutral Sand which symbolizes that the marriage is grounded.

Then we layer the individual colors. This symbolizes that the marriage is based on the strength of the individuals.

And now, <Bride> and <Groom> shall combine their colors to symbolize their two lives joined as one together forever.

<Bride> and <Groom>, may your lives, like these grains of sand, remain forever blended, never to be separated and poured again into their individual containers.

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Sand Ceremony No.6

<Bride> and <Groom>, having pledged and sealed your vows by the giving and receiving of rings, you have made a promise to share the rest of your lives with one other.

Here on this table are six separate containers - five of which are filled with sand, and one of which is partially filled, ready to receive the contents of the others. As we create a unique blend from this beautifully colored sand, we do so as a representation of your newly formed marital union.

This White sand is symbolic of honesty, loyalty and trust, and is the base upon which your marriage shall be built.

We will now add the <Color 1> sand, which will be poured by your mothers.

The pouring of this <Color 1> sand by both of your mothers is a symbol of the coming together of your two families which shall provide further support for you and your marriage. Ladies...

This <Color 2> sand represents you, <Bride>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

This <Color 3> sand represents you, <Groom>. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

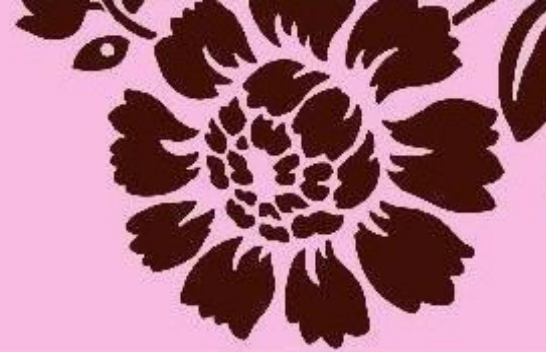
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As you pour these two colors of sand together into this vase, the separate colors of sand will no longer exist, but will be blended together as one.

May your lives, like these grains of sand, remain forever blended, never to be separated.

Sand Ceremony No.7

<Bride> and <Groom> have chosen to demonstrate the coming together of their lives and all that they bring with them to this union with a ritual Sand Ceremony. Here on this table are seven separate containers - six of which are filled with sand and one of which is unfilled, ready to receive the contents of the others.

The White sand in this vial is symbolic of purity, protection, peace, and spirituality and is the base upon which <Bride> and <Groom>'s marriage shall be built. Strength, wholeness, energy, sincerity and love; these blessings we seek and wish for this union as I pour this White sand.

We will now add the vials of Brown and Red sand which will be poured by both <Bride> and <Groom>'s parents. The layering of the individual colors symbolizes that their marriage is supported by the love, wisdom, and blessings of both of their families.

The Brown sand in these vials represents the color of the earth and wood, signifying a solid and reliable soul. Mother Earth gives us sustenance, the means for growth, and herbs for healing. Loyalty, trust, and spiritual growth; these blessings we seek and wish for this union as <Bride>'s parents, <Father of the Bride> and <Mother of the Bride>, pour this Brown sand.

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The Red sand in this vial represents love. Like the flames of a fire, it ignites a warm, loving, and passionate relationship. Strength, passion, and ever-lasting love; these blessings we seek and wish for this union as <Groom>'s parents, <Father of the Groom> and <Mother of the Groom>, pour this Red sand.

<Bride>, the Purple sand in this vial represents you. It is a symbol of all that you are and all that you shall become.

<Groom>, the Purple sand in this vial represents you. It is a symbol of all that you are, and all that you shall become.

The color Purple is symbolic of balance – physical, spiritual, and emotional. It represents the coming together of two into one. As you fill this vase with the sand in each of your vials, you are symbolizing the transformation of your individual selves into something larger and greater than what existed before.

As your sand covers that of your parents' and the White sand that is your base, know that these elements are the foundation of your marriage. Draw equally upon the wisdom and support of your families as your marriage continues to develop and grow. Strength, courage, and love in all that you do; these blessings we seek and wish for your union as you pour this Purple sand.



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