

According to the GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

The longest lasting marriage was between an Indian couple and lasted 86 years until the husband's death. The couple married when they were both just five years old. Would you know what to buy them for this incredible anniversary?

Most people know that the 25th and 50th anniversaries are known as the silver and golden wedding anniversaries respectively. But what about the others? Over time, the list of materials associated with particular anniversaries has changed and grown to include modern suggestions for gifts. And many different lists exist making it tricky to pin down a specific symbol.

A traditional list issued in the 1930s detailed materials for each anniversary up to the 15th, then every fifth year after that. Contemporary lists now have a variety of options for almost every year, yet depending on where you look, these lists also vary. One particular difference, for example, is the 14th anniversary traditionally celebrated with a gift of ivory. However, due to ivory now being a protected item this has been replaced in some lists with gold jewellery.



AN OLD IRISH POEM

Marry in:

- January** Marry when the year is new, always loving, kind and true.
February When February birds do mate, you may wed, nor dread your fate.
March If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll know.
April Marry in April if you can, joy for maiden and for man.
May Marry in the month of May, you will surely rue the day.
June Marry when June roses grow and over land and sea you'll go.
July Those who in July do wed, must labour always for their bread.
August Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see.
September Marry in September's shine, your living will be rich and fine.
October If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.
November If you wed in bleak November, only joy will come, remember.
December When December's snows fall fast, marry and true love will last.

THE MODERN GIFT LIST FOR ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Clocks
- 2nd China
- 3rd Crystal, Glass
- 4th Appliances
- 5th Silverware
- 6th Wood
- 7th Desk Sets
- 8th Linen/Lace
- 9th Leather
- 10th Diamond
- 11th Fashion Jewellery
- 12th Pearls/Coloured Gems
- 13th Textiles
- 14th Gold Jewellery
- 15th Watches
- 16th Silverware
- 17th Furniture
- 18th Porcelain
- 19th Bronze
- 20th Platinum
- 21st Brass
- 22nd Copper
- 23rd Silverplate
- 24th Musical Instruments
- 25th Silver
- 26th Original Art
- 27th Sculpture
- 28th Orchids
- 29th Furniture
- 30th Diamond
- 31st Timepieces
- 32nd Conveyances
- 33rd Amethyst
- 34th Opal
- 35th Jade
- 36th Bone China
- 37th Alabaster
- 38th Tourmaline
- 39th Lace
- 40th Ruby
- 45th Sapphire
- 50th Gold
- 55th Emerald
- 60th Diamond
- 65th Star Sapphire
- 70th Platinum
- 75th Diamond
- 80th Diamond, Pearl
- 85th Diamond, Sapphire
- 90th Diamond, Emerald
- 95th Diamond, Ruby
- 100th Diamond