

The Garden Favor Notes

A place marked by name. A small tool for the garden.
Flowers still to come.



A complimentary field note for creating a favor that belongs to the table - and has a life after the gathering.

A favor with a reason

A miniature watering can can do more than decorate a place setting. Tied with ribbon and filled with a named seed packet, it welcomes one guest, gives the table a gentle rhythm, and carries the idea of the gathering home.

If time allows, prepare the packets a few days before guests arrive. The work is simple enough to feel companionable: names written slowly, ribbon cut to length, seeds chosen for the season ahead.

- 1 Choose the can**
Look for a small metal watering can with a quiet finish and a handle that feels comfortable in the hand.

- 2 Choose the seed**
Sweet peas, cosmos, and chamomile all offer a lovely promise. Choose one variety for the whole table or a different flower for each guest.

- 3 Write the name**
Use a cream packet with enough open space for the guest's name. A familiar handwriting is often more personal than perfect calligraphy.

- 4 Tie the ribbon**
A soft cotton ribbon can be untied and used again. Keep the bow loose enough that the packet slips out easily.

For a table of ten

A small amount of preparation keeps the final day gentle.

10	miniature metal watering cans
10	cream seed packets
1	packet of seeds or ten small seed portions
4 yd	soft cotton ribbon
1	fountain pen or fine archival pen
1	pair of small fabric snips
10	optional planting notes

A kind substitution

If miniature watering cans are difficult to find, a small zinc cup, terracotta pot, or simple glass propagation vessel can hold the same idea beautifully.

A gentle order for the work

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Order or gather the vessels.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

Choose the seeds and prepare the packets.

TWO DAYS BEFORE

Write each name and add a planting note if you wish.

THE DAY BEFORE

Tie the ribbons and place the favors in a shallow basket.

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

Set one favor at every place.

Three seeds we return to

Sweet pea - fragrant, climbing, and especially suited to the idea of flowers still to come.

Cosmos - light in the garden and forgiving for newer gardeners.

Chamomile - useful, modest, and lovely in a smaller garden or pot.

A note for the host

The favor does not need to be elaborate to feel thoughtful. What makes it personal is the sense that one place was prepared for one person.

Use what is available. Change the ribbon. Choose a seed that suits your climate. Write the names in your own hand. The idea is generous enough to welcome those variations.

The room changes when the ritual has somewhere to land.



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