

OPEN BAR



Have fun planning your wedding reception by thinking outside the traditional sit-down dinner and wedding cake. Serving food at stations or “bar style” can be a fun option for offering up (un)traditional fare in a fresh way.

Whether you want to incorporate a food bar just for appetizers or dessert, or you are looking to forego a formal dinner, these tasty and innovative stations are one more way to show your guests who you are as a couple.

Here are a few reception bars that have nothing to do with cocktails:

Fondue Station

Cheese or chocolate? Both are crowd-pleasers and both offer a variety of tasty dipping accoutrement that will delight guests. Fondue works great during cocktail hour, or in addition to or in lieu of wedding cake.

Antipasto

Think crostini station, the intersection at which crusty breads meets your choice of tomato bruschettas, olive tapenades, spicy salamis and all a variety of cheeses.

Candy Bar

No cake? No problem. Satisfy your guests’ sweet tooth by showcasing your favorite candies in clear glass jars, like you’d see in a vintage drugstore.

You can even offer small paper bags or boxes so that guests can fill them and take them home, doubling your dessert as guest favors.

Popcorn Bar

What is a better late night snack than popcorn? If you plan on dancing the night away with your guests, a popcorn bar could be a fantastic

addition to your reception. You can offer various flavors, such as movie style, cheese or kettle corn. Encourage guests to spice it up with different salts or spices, such as cinnamon or paprika.

The best part about reception bars? Your imagination is the limit. Virtually any food can be turned into a chic, self-serve station. They are totally customizable to your taste, personality, and even geography.

Hosting a Southern fete? Offer a biscuit bar with various spreads and toppings. Or a sweet tea bar with assorted syrups guests can add, such as peach or raspberry. Never been a fan of the traditional “chicken or beef” option? Create a taco station. Any one of these is sure to be something your guests remember forever.

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