

Cherished Memory Weddings
A Basic Handfasting Ceremony

OFFICIANT: Hello all! Welcome, and thank you for joining us today to celebrate the handfasting of [PARTNER A] and [PARTNER B].

Handfasting is an age old symbol of strength and love, of continued commitment and of steady devotion.

It signifies a willingness and a desire to grow alongside one another, facing each new day as a team, as a couple, committed one to the other.

Drawing on individual strengths while learning to accept each other's help, thoughts, beliefs, love, and support. It communicates the belief that together you will meet challenges you could never meet alone.

[PARTNER A] and [PARTNER B], you have taken this time to learn about each other, to let love grow stronger naturally and patiently, and to invest in one another fully. You've shared laughter and excitement and met challenges with curiosity and joint efforts.

[PARTNER A] and [PARTNER B], you have both come here to become handfasted to one another. To pledge to yourselves and to your family and friends that you will continue to love and support one another, growing stronger together each day. If this is true – please say “WE DO” in unison!

COUPLE: “WE DO!”

Friends & Neighbors

Friends & Neighbors, you have come here to witness this joining. And it is important that you have done so because you are also active participants in this special day, as these two people become handfasted one to the other. For your part, as friends, neighbors, and family, will you pledge to yourselves and to this couple that you will continue to love and support this couple, to be there for them across the days of their lives, with support, comfort, honest advice, and, when needed, tough love? If so, this is your part to speak in this event! In unison, please say, “WE DO!”

FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS: “WE DO!”

[PARTNER A], will you share what you've prepared for [PARTNER B].

- PARTNER A READS OR RECITES WHAT THEY HAVE PREPARED.

"[PARTNER A], will you share what you've prepared for [PARTNER B]."

- PARTNER B READS OR RECITES WHAT THEY'VE PREPARED.

Rings, If Used

THE OFFICIANT THANKS THE COUPLE AND ASKS THEM TO EXCHANGE RINGS (IF THEY'RE USED).

Wrapping

NEXT, THE COUPLE WILL CLASP HANDS.

- EITHER ONE HAND, SIDE BY SIDE, OR BOTH HANDS, CLASPED LEFT TO RIGHT AND RIGHT TO LEFT.
- THE OFFICIANT WILL WRAP THE CORD AROUND THE COUPLE'S WRISTS, WITH THE OPTION OF KNOTTING THE CORD LOOSELY, AND THEN ASKS THE COUPLE TO KISS OR EMBRACE.

OFFICIANT: [PARTNER A] and [PARTNER B], It is my immense pleasure to hereby affirm and pronounce you handfasted and partners (and or parents) in this life. Thank you for sharing this day with us, and may this bond continue to strengthen the love you already feel for one another.

Now, to seal this event, without losing your wraps, please kiss your Partner!

CONGRATULATIONS!