Wedding bingo

In reception bingo, guests don't look for people — they watch the wedding and cross off squares as things happen: someone wipes away a tear during a speech, someone loses a shoe on the dance floor, a conga line snakes across the room. The first to cross off a line shouts “Bingo!”.

Rules

- Give every guest a card and a pen. Mix up the designs so that people sitting next to each other have different cards.
- When something on your card happens, cross off that square.
- The first to cross off a full row, column or diagonal shouts “Bingo!” and heads to the host.
- Keep playing for a full card: the first guest to cross off all 16 squares wins.

Notes for the host or DJ

- When: put a card at every place setting before guests sit down. Most squares get crossed off between the first dance and the cake.
- Announcement: “You'll find a bingo card at your place. Cross off each moment as it happens tonight. First to complete a line, shout ‘Bingo!’ and come and find me for a prize.”
- Checking: ask the winner to explain two of their squares — “So, who lost a shoe?” The room loves these stories.
- Prizes: keep them small — the first slice of cake, a bottle of something nice for the table, a photo with the couple. You can reward the first line and the first full card.



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Clinking glasses make the couple kiss	Someone pulls up a chair at another table	Someone photographs the cake before it's cut	Someone takes a selfie with the couple
Two guests break into a waltz	A child falls asleep on a row of chairs	The room cheers during the first dance	Someone goes back for more cake
The newlyweds visit your table	Someone dances with a child in their arms	Someone grabs the mic to sing along	Someone takes off their jacket to dance
Someone shows off in the dance circle	Someone makes a toast in another language	A speech runs over five minutes	A baby photo makes the room go “aww”

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Someone gets the whole table up dancing	A whole table bursts out laughing	Someone cheers when their song comes on	The two families dance together
Someone calls it the best wedding ever	A speech reveals how the couple met	A conga line snakes across the room	Someone teaches others a dance move
The whole room sings along	Someone plays air guitar on the dance floor	Someone loses a shoe on the dance floor	An 80s classic fills the dance floor
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