

The unique keepsake that everyone is talking about!

Thank you for always being there for me and enjoying every day. You've always got my back.

All my love,  
Sally & Tom

Love always been determined on your life. Please remember marriage is about faith & love.

Love - Antonia

Don't go to bed on a argument.

Love Stan xx

Dear Abbie,

Mr & Mrs Carnevale,

Thank you for letting us be part in your special day. We had the best time. Georgia you looked UNBELIEVABLE - the most beautiful bride. We wish you all the love & happiness in the world.

Love from Stefano & Liz xx

Enjoy every moment!  
Never so much fun, kiss you are so amazing!  
All love

Hey Guys when Georgi called me that she said to me this guy is the man of my dreams. I told her to go for it. Love

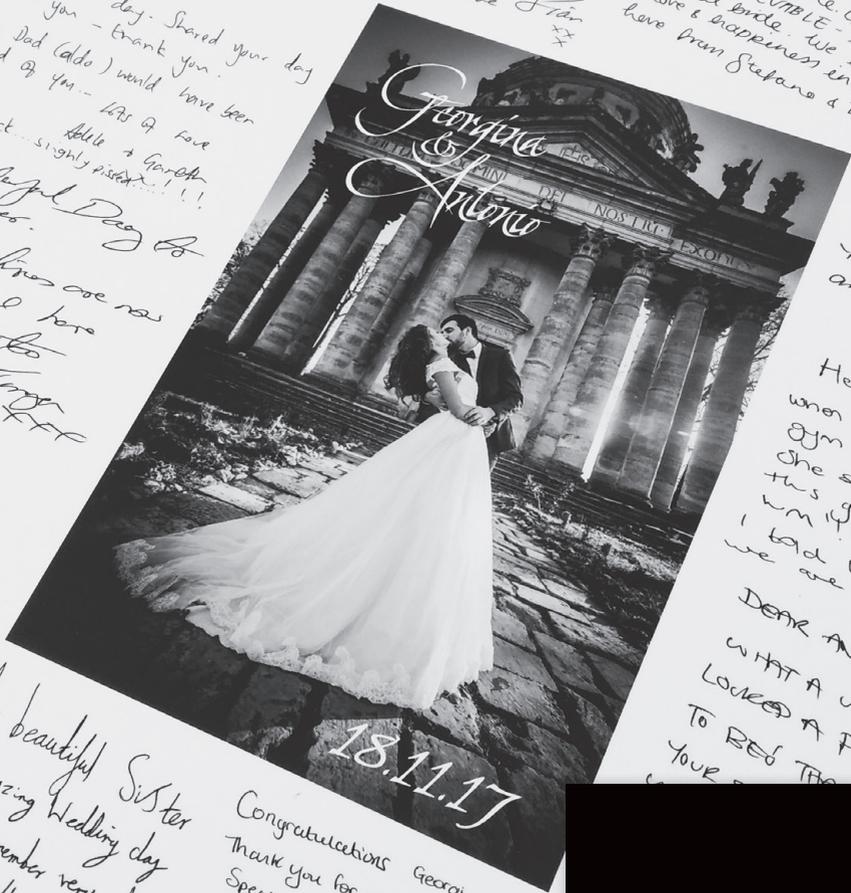
DEAR ANTONIO & GEORGI  
WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!  
LOOKED A PICTURE PERFECT!  
TO BE WITH YOU BOTH WAS THE BEST THING I'VE EVER DONE!  
YOUR LOVE

My beautiful Sister  
Amazing Wedding day  
I'll remember very dearly  
all my love  
one lucky man  
you in the family xx

Congratulations Georgi and Antonio  
Thank you for asking us to share your Special day! we had the best time and you were both fabulous!  
Lots of happy memories made today!  
Wishing you both love and happiness for your future!  
Lots of Love Rachel + Michael

Jones, AKA the new bride!  
Antonio the groom!

Love  
Lynn



the alternative guest book

# frequently asked questions

## the alternative guest book

### So what exactly is the Guest Comment Frame?

- This is a frame in which your guest's comments are captured to provide a truly memorable and unique keepsake of your big day.
- These comments are later centred around either
  - A wedding photograph
  - Both of your names and date of the wedding
  - A sketch of your wedding venue (if we have this on file).
- These comments are either scanned (so they will be in the guests original hand-writing) or we type them and print in various sizes and fonts.
- The frame is mounted and framed in either white or black (mdf frame), or distressed black, grey or white or contemporary black or silver. This is then delivered to you by courier ready to hang proudly on your wall to bring back memories for years to come.

### How does it work?

- Prior to the wedding day, we provide a number of post cards printed with your personal message to your guests on one side and blank on the reverse for them to write their messages.
- We suggest you put a card for each guest on the tables at the reception either prior to them being seated or nominate someone to hand them out at the end of the speeches (when the married couple may be whisked off for their photographs).
- This is an ideal time as there is natural break in the day's celebrations when coffee is served and tables cleared. Advantages of the designated time means everyone will definitely write a message (a book can often be forgotten) and also provides a great opportunity for all the guests to have a little fun together, sharing ideas on what to put!
- The coordinator could then collect all the message cards and keep them safe with all your wedding cards.
- After the wedding, you send the cards back to us for creating the framed comments (which we later return so that you retain the originals).

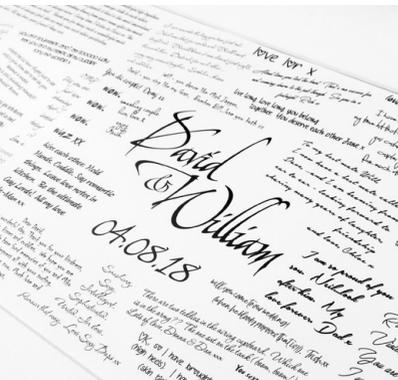
### What are the different sizes you offer?

We offer the following sizes:

- i) 50cm by 50cm
- ii) 70cm by 50cm
- iii) 95cm by 39cm
- iv) 110cm by 80cm

### What different types of frame do you offer?

- We offer each frame in either mdf frame or wooden frame.
- The mdf frame consists of a single mount with styrene safety sheet (perspex). This is available in black for each size above and also white for the 50cm square frame and the 70cm by 50cm frame.
- The wooden frame consists of a double mount with glass and is available in a choice of either distressed look (black, grey or white) or contemporary (black or silver).



## What colour is the mount?

■ If ordering a mdf frame, this comes with a single mount and will always be white. If ordering the wooden/glass frame then the colour is your choice. The double mount helps frame the product and we find that an outer white mount works very well with an inner mount that co-ordinates with the frame colour choice.

## We would like to choose our own frame - is it possible to order just the print?

■ You may wish to use a local framing supplier to frame your Guest Comments and choose your own frame in your own time. In this case, you may purchase just the print and we will supply this rolled in a postal tube.

# the cards

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## How many Guest Comments Cards do we get and is this included in the price?

■ Each frame comes with 40 cards as standard. If you need additional message cards these are available for a small additional price.

## Do the cards come in different colours and finishes like the range of cards you offer for your invitations?

■ This is possible but if you are opting for the scanned version then we need to use a smooth white card to ensure the best possible scan (with black ink pens being used).

## What message do you write on the front of the Guest Comments Cards:

■ A suggestion would be the example opposite but we are happy to amend this to any wording you wish to have.

■ This will be in a typestyle and print colour of your choice (a proof will be provided before we print these for you).

## Where should we position the cards at the venue?

■ Some couples have placed them in a designated area at the venue and asked guests to go and write their message. However this can sometimes cause some confusion, or some hesitancy as guests do not wish to hold others up while they think of what to write.

- We would recommend that they are placed on the tables so that each guest has one and can take their time over what they write and not feel rushed.
- We would also recommend that sufficient pens (black ink works best) are available at the tables and that your guests know what to do with the cards afterwards (such as leave in a Postal Box or have a nominated person to collect the cards from each table).
- Let us know if you would like to incorporate any instructions on the front of your card.

## Could we use the cards as a Place Card?

■ Good idea! We can personalise your cards with your guest names for a small additional price.

## Does every guest write on a card?

- Why not! However we do find that some couple attending your wedding may choose to write a joint message.
- You may prefer to just have the day guests to write a message (and have them at their places on the reception tables) or you may wish additional cards for people who are also attending just the evening reception.

## What if we want to include a message from someone who cannot attend the wedding?

- You can always post the card to them beforehand and ask them to return in time for you to add this to the collection.
- We have for example provided cards for family members who are away on service or work overseas and then incorporated their message in the frame.

## What if there are over 100+ guests!

■ Wouldn't it be wonderful to have so many messages to treasure! We can provide as many cards as you wish, however, there will be a limit to how many comments we can fit on a frame.

## How do we get the cards back to you?

■ We strongly advise you use the Special Delivery service by Royal Mail which provides the ability to track your parcel.

## Do you send these back so that we get to keep these?

- Yes, all original messages are also returned so that you have these cards plus the frame as a special keepsake of your big-day.
- We also use a tracked courier service to post your cards and frame/artwork back to you.

# design & artwork

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## How do I choose between having the comments scanned or typed?

- The scanned option is very personal because your frame is then printed in your guest's own handwriting.
- The typed option has the advantage that we have much more flexibility to edit the comments. For example, certain sentences/phrases from each message card could be used so that each guest is included. We also have the flexibility of re-sizing the text and to vary the comments between landscape or portrait to add more variation to the end display. You may also have spelling mistakes on the scanned comments which we could correct if re-typing.

## How many comments can you have on the frame?

It is difficult to answer without seeing the cards because this depends on a number of factors:

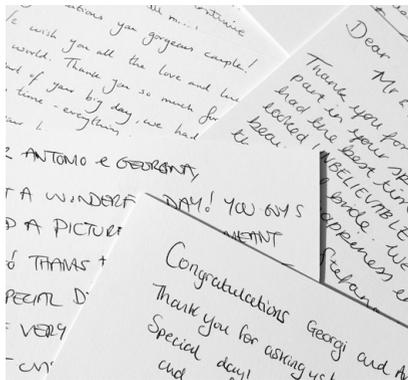
- It depends on how much **'coverage'** is on each card, i.e. some will write a long lengthy message that could take up the whole card while others will write a short but sweet message.
- It depends on whether you have your guest comments scanned or typed onto the frame (generally you can include more comments with the typed option).
- It also depends on the **size frame** you have.
- However for the 70cm by 50cm or the 95cm by 35cm frames - you will be looking at approximately 35-40 messages. Don't forget that a lot of couples will write a joint message too.
- It should be remembered that you will still have every single comment from all your guests on your original cards that you will retain.

## Do we get to see a proof before we receive the actual frame?

- You will receive a proof of the artwork via pdf on email before we send the frame to you.
- You also have the choice of a hard copy proof which we can post to you.

## What if we have already bought a guest book?

- No problem! You could still have the typed option Guest Frame by simply photocopying the comments and letting us have them. We can do this at any stage after the wedding (perhaps you could treat yourself to an anniversary present if your wedding took place some time ago!).



# timing

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## When shall we order and do we pay in full up front?

- Please order as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
- We are a small family business and given the time it takes to produce each frame and to ensure we provide the best quality product and service, we will only undertake a certain amount of frames each month.
- You can secure your order with a £50 deposit and production time will then be allocated for your order. The full balance for your order is then requested when you approve your message cards for printing.

## When do we receive our cards?

- These will be sent to you a minimum two weeks before your wedding day. We hope the few days leading up to your wedding are as relaxing and stress free as possible. No-one wants to be worrying over any products arriving in time!
- Therefore the proof of your Guest Comments Cards will be emailed to you for approval at least three weeks before your wedding.

## When do we receive our Guest Comments Frame?

- This depends to a certain extent on when we receive the Guest Comments Cards back from you. We appreciate that straight after the wedding, you may want the dust to settle and relax as a couple. You may even be doing this on a honeymoon!
- When we receive the cards back from you, the following will happen:
- You will receive an acknowledgement of safe receipt.
- We then either scan the comments or we type them ready to position in your frame.
- If we are typing the comments then we may come back to you with any words/names that we cannot decipher so that we get the proof as accurate as we can.
- A proof is then prepared and emailed to you. As a rough guide this is approximately a fortnight after we receive the cards back from you.
- We can also provide a hard copy proof, if you wish for a small additional cost.
- When you are entirely thrilled to pieces with the final artwork, we then frame it (unless you have requested the print only) and post via courier to you.
- It then hangs in your home and when any of your friends or relatives pop over, you all rush over to look at it and the memories come flooding back!

# other

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## Is it just Guest Comments Frames that you provide?

- We provide a wide range of bespoke and personalised wedding stationery.
- The Alternative Guest Book was founded through our parent company **The Illustrated Invitation**.
- This is where we sketch the wedding venue and provide a suite of unique stationery featuring the venue you have fallen in love with. Please take a moment to look at our website **[www.illustratedinvitation.co.uk](http://www.illustratedinvitation.co.uk)**.

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Not sure who likes the frame more, us or any of our friends that we have over!

OMG!  
stunning!

Our Guest Comments Frame is such a brilliant keepsake of our special day.

The Guest Comments Cards were also ours to keep and treasure as well. - perfect!

Our wedding seems an age ago but every time we look at our frame it brings a smile to our faces. It is our pride of joy in our living room. Thank you so much - we adore it! xx

Our guests had so much fun at the reception writing their comments.

Really unique - we had a choice of having our guests comments either typed or scanned in - we loved the scanned which we felt was so personal.

My wife opened the frame this morning and cried. We absolutely adore it.



wow!

wow!!

wow!!!

We love it x

We had a big one over the sofa in the living room and a smaller one in our bedroom.

The Alternative Guest Book were able to edit some of the messages - some were just a little too saucy to include ha ha !!

Jamie was able to edit the messages so that all of them featured in some way or another.

my husband took the messages from our old guest book and surprised me with a frame for our anniversary. lets just say he is in my good books for a very long time! x

The best alternative guest book ever!

We even had comments included from some of our loved friends and family who couldn't make the wedding because of illness or serving overseas... that was so special for us.