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Filling, Toasting and Drinking from the Wedding Cup

Often the story of the German Wedding Cup is read while the cups are filled.

The German Wedding Cup is held upside down so that the large skirt cup is directly over the smaller swivel cup, and are both able to be filled with the beverage of your choice. Tilt the cup to expose the smaller swivel cup from under the skirt cup, for filling; then slowly tilt the cup so the skirt cup is once again over the smaller swivel cup, and ready to be filled.

After both the cups are filled, you are ready to perform the bridal cup toast.

The bride and groom must stand closely together facing each other with just enough space for the cup between them. The bride takes the smaller cup in hand, while the groom holds onto the larger cup.

At the same time and together, the wedding couple raises the cup up and to their lips to drink. You must be careful here to not spill a drop, for legend has it, if you can drink without spilling a drop, love, faithfulness and good luck will be yours forever!

If you want to really add some fun to your special wedding cup toast you can do a fun German toast called "Who Rules the Nest". It's a toast enjoyed by most women and you will see why!

"Who Rules the Nest" is a popular wedding toast performed with the bridal cup, and it's the perfect opportunity for the maid of honor to step up!

Just before the bride and groom drink from the wedding cup, the maid of honor stands and announces that "Whoever finishes first without spilling a drop "Rules the Nest".

Since the bride has the smaller cup, she may very well be the winner.