



### Short cakes popular

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Tiered wedding cakes still tower like skyscrapers at receptions, but two Lincoln bakers said they're building more and more short, spread-out displays.

Pat Mettler, part-owner of Mettler's Family Bakery, 821 S. 11th St.,

said the shorter, multiple-cake arrangements offer several decorative options. They're also easier for bakers to deliver, she said.

"They're almost hazard-free," she said. "You don't have to worry about them tipping over like the tier cakes."

Mettler said some couples string ribbon and silk or fresh flowers between the cakes. Couples are becoming more creative in decorating their wedding cakes, she said.

"They're getting away from the traditional bride and groom on top of cake," she said. "They're going with blown glass and silk decorations. We have a new (cake top) that has light bulbs and sparkles."

Rose Stilwell, bakery case and candy supervisor for Dillard's Bakery, 13th and O streets, said the spread-out arrangements are increasing in popularity.

"Some still like the tiers," she said. "But some want the columns, fountains and the larger spreads. It depends on what they want to spend."

Prices at Mettler's range from \$25 for a simple two-layer cake to a \$350 package that includes the main cake, groom's cake and sheet cakes, Mettler said. Dillard's cakes range from \$10 to \$125, depending on extravagance of the arrangement, Stilwell said.

Groom's cakes are usually made of heavy fruitcakes, but couples have ordered cheesecake lately, Mettler said.

For one recent wedding, Mettler's used strudel and Baklava, a rich Greek desert, to complement the traditional wedding cake arrangement.

"A lot of the girls at the wedding saw that and are wanting to have it with their cakes," Mettler said.

Mettler said selecting a cake and its decorations is a major decision for a bride and groom.

"Some of the girls who come in here take more time picking out an ornament than they do the guy they're marrying," she said.

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## Agreements require truth

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with a second marriage when there are children," Johnston said.

Many times, he said, the children want their engaged parent to draft a pre-nuptial agreement to ensure the inheritance or to ensure that their parent doesn't lose some assets in a divorce.

Street agreed that most pre-nuptial agreements are drafted by older couples. She said most couples enter the agreements to placate the fears of

cautious children, she said.

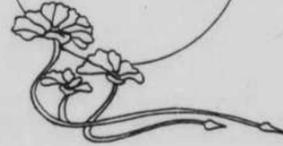
Despite their possible practicality, pre-nuptial agreements don't seem to be popular. Johnston said he drafts two a year at most.

"It seems to still be the exception rather than the rule," Street said.

Johnston said couples who do decide to take legal pre-marital precautions should heed two basic principles: Be truthful and disclose fully.

"Both the respective husband and wife should fully disclose to the other (one) all of their assets," he said.

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