



## Pillow Talk

With a precious commodity in his care—your wedding rings—a ring bearer should be regal. Put the perfect pillow in his palms, tie your rings in tight (or use “stand-ins” for the real thing), and let this pint-sized prince do his job in style. FROM TOP: metallic tissue-silk pillow filled with lavender, \$45; pleated tissue-silk pillow in gold, \$35; pleated tissue-silk pillow in silvery rose, \$35; and pearl-embroidered silk pillow, \$35, all from Angel Threads. Call 212-673-4592.



## Flower-Girl Fancy

Strewing pretty petals at the wedding is a big job. Equip your flower girl with a basket and matching headpiece befitting her angelic status. FROM LEFT: Porcelain Flower Girl Set; Parchment Flower Girl Set; and Woodland Flower Girl Set, \$95 each, all from Lori London. Call 213-960-5626.

## The Littlest Attendants

Having children in your wedding party adds a big dose of charm. But by their very nature kids are wild cards. Will they behave themselves like pros or get stage fright? Will they run to their mothers? Cry? Drop the ring? You can never expect perfection, so flexibility is key. And so is preparedness. Get your tiny attendants prepped for the job with some helpful books. *I'm in the Wedding Too!* (Dutton Children's Books, \$13.99) is a wonderful keepsake that details a child's wedding-day tasks. *The Flower Girls* (HarperCollins, \$3.95 each), is a series of books about four friends with flowery names—Rose,

Violet, etc.—who all become flower girls. Another way to get kids in the spirit of the event is to include them in the pre-wedding fun. Heaven knows you can't take your ring bearer to the bachelor party, and a bridal shower seems too grown-up for a flower girl. But a fete planned just for them is a chance for you to chat with them about their role in the wedding. Even enlist their help. You know the old saying, “Out of the mouths of babes”—so ask what they'd like to see at the wedding. Also, be sure to tell each child how important his or her job is. “Without you there wouldn't be any flowers on the aisle for me to walk on.” “Without you who would hold the ring?” Don't forget to thank the little guys with a child-appropriate gift. And at the reception make the children feel special by setting up a table just for them with coloring books and board games.

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