



Mexican Rope Ceremony: El Lazo

As part of the ceremony to symbolize unity, a large loop of rosary beads or a lasso (cord) is placed in a figure eight shape around the necks of the couple after they have exchanged their vows. It also is beautiful when made of entwined orange blossoms (which symbolize fertility and happiness). A double rosary lasso may also be given by one set of the parents and may be blessed with holy water three times in honor of the trinity.

A special person or couple places the lasso around the shoulders of the bride and groom, with the groom's shoulders first. The lasso may also be tied around their wrists. The couple wears the lasso throughout the remainder of the service. The loop is symbolic of their love which should bind the couple together everyday as they equally share the responsibility of marriage for the rest of their lives.

At the end of the ceremony, the lasso is removed by either the person who placed the lasso on the couple, or by the priest. The lasso is then given to the Bride as a memento of becoming the mistress of the groom's heart and home.

Example: <http://www.weddingaccents.com/accessories/ag-la1011-mexican-wedding-lasso.htm>