The Wedding officiant or designated person asks the guests to form a circle around the couple as they stand in front of the broom on the floor.

One of the attendants then hands the broom to the bride and groom, who hold the broom handle together and sweep around in a circle until the Minister or designated person is finished speaking. The groom then places the broom on the ground in their path, kisses the bride and holds hands.

Wedding Officiant: "Jumping the Broom" is a ceremony dating back to the 1600s and is an African American tradition. Slaves in this country were not permitted to marry, so they jumped a broom as a way of ceremonially uniting. Today it represents great joy and at the same time serves as a reminder of the past and the pain of slavery.

As Bride and Groom jump the broom, they physically and spiritually cross the threshold into the land of matrimony. It marks the beginning of making a home together. It symbolizes the sweeping away of the old and the welcoming of the new; the sweeping away all negative energy, making way for all things that are good to come into your lives. It is also a call of support for the marriage from the entire community of family and friends. The bride and groom will now begin their new life together with a clean sweep!

Minister: Everyone count 1, 2, 3... Jump! Together! 1, 2, 3... Jump!
The bride and groom jump over the broom, then kiss. Now . . . "Let the party

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