

Wedding Accessories for the Bride

Once you've chosen 'the' dress you can start thinking about 'your style' and what accessories will reflect this.

Finding the right jewellery to wear on your special day is an exciting, fun part of your wedding planning.

Things which may affect your final choice:

The majority of brides want to wear their engagement rings with their wedding rings. The wedding ring should compliment your engagement ring, not detract from it.

You may both want to have matching wedding rings and generally rings are bought in matching sets. You will both need to love your rings.

When choosing other jewellery accessories, the colour of your wedding dress will play an important part in what you select, as do your skin tone, make-up on the day and your hair colour.

Pearls are classic choices as they are simple, flattering most skin tones. Borrowing your mother's or even grandmother's jewellery adds an extra personal touch to your choice.

Matching necklace, earrings and tiara sets are becoming more common and provide a stress free option.

Keep it simple. While you want to show your personal flair, don't overdo it!

Accessories for the Wedding Breakfast ...

Compliment your venue with a range of accessories. These may be themed by colour or have a theme that is meaningful to you and your groom.

There are many reasons why you may choose a particular theme or colour to work with and it is not a decision to be taken lightly. Whatever colour you decide on will set the whole tone for your special day.

The colour or shades will be included in almost every aspect, the groom's waistcoat and tie, the car, the cake, the favours, the invitations, the table decorations and of course your flowers and buttonholes and of

course should always compliment the bride's dress.

Consider a few colours before you decide on your final choice and try swatches of them at the venue, against your wedding dress and also on the bridesmaids, groom and ushers.

Everyone has a different skin tone and the venue may be furnished with a colour that doesn't go with everything.

What time of year are you getting married?

A red and white wedding may look beautiful in the Autumn however it can be even more stunning for a winter wedding.

As a guide, colours which compliment the seasons include: bright or pastel colours for Spring and Summer; oranges, reds, browns and yellows for the Autumn season and red, purples, greens and silver for the winter.

Some themed wedding ideas we've seen:

Funfairs; Christmas - complete with Santa, a sleigh and falling snow; Football teams (honestly!); Honeymoon destinations; Restaurants that couples have enjoyed; Butterflies; Breakfast at Tiffanys; James Bond; Actors and many, many more!

Tradition states that a bride should have

“something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue and a silver sixpence for her shoe”.

"Something old"

symbolises the continuity with the bride's family and the past.

"Something new"

means optimism and hope for the bride's new life ahead. Typically this will be the wedding dress!

"Something borrowed"

is usually an item from a happily married friend or family member, whose good fortune in marriage is supposed to carry over to the new bride. The

borrowed item also reminds the bride that she can depend on her friends and family.

"Something Blue".

Blue has been connected to weddings for centuries. In ancient Rome brides wore blue to symbolise love, modesty, and fidelity. Christianity has long dressed the Virgin Mary in blue, so purity was associated with the colour.

A silver sixpence

In the bride's shoe represents wealth and financial security. For optimum fortune, it is thought that the sixpence should be in the left shoe.