

# Latest Fashions for all the wedding party

Brides want to feel like royalty on their wedding days, so they dress the part.

Yet, the primary consideration is not style, but comfort, according to bridal store consultants. That means no pinches or pulls and nothing too tight, but it also means the gown must suit a bride's personality.

The gown should be selected far in advance of the wedding day so that other preparations can be made. Bridal consultants recommend beginning the bridal gown search eight months to one year before the wedding. That gives plenty of time to suit your style and find attendant gowns that complement it.

Both Frantz of Jacobson's Bridal Salon sees a most exciting trend in the popularity of the designer market.

"The designer gowns have the quality, styling and fabrication that the brides are looking for," noted Frantz. Japanese designer Yumi Katsura follows the body silhouette with her creations using a lean or draped look. Only Japanese fabrics are used and her total look is one of flirtation.

Frank Masandra for the Diamond Collection uses shirred waistlines and bodice designs that come up to frame the face.

Greek designer Christos provides flair for the romantic bride with elongated waistlines.

"The new bridal look also includes a lot of sequins and a lot of glitter," commented Debbie Pollak-Zimberg of Creations by Pollak in Farmington Hills.

"Older brides will find more sophistication in today's styles. There are deep plunging backs and a fitted dropped waist that comes to a point," she added.

Zimberg-Pollak also sees the black and white wedding look coming to the Detroit area.

At Beginnings Bridal Shop in Plymouth the bride can be in the latest fashion in an ivory embroidered Merry Merry length gown. A bridesmaid can choose the intermoxo length and flower girl can have floor length fashion.

And for bridesmaid fashions, where there was once a choice of ten colors, an array of 20 or more colors is now offered.

Ruth Seligson of Today's Bride in Birmingham sees new looks for spring summer silhouettes in sheath, ornamental and traditional gowns.

"The figure enhancing sheath can be slim to the knee and then flared

to the hem. Fabrics used for this look include silk or synthetic charmeuse, use of Alex jersey, all lace and shirred tulle.

"The ornamentals can have bustled backs, ruffled side panels, gathered front shirts and puffed sleeves with drapings and tulip shapings. The trains are pleated or ruffled and the looks are achieved in silk satin, silk shantung and tulle," she added.

This decade's traditionalists all have interesting sleeve treatments. Many designs feature extended shoulders, deeply veed low backs and use of small to large bows at waist, shoulders, at the dropped torso or

near the hem.

All varieties of satin and tulle are used in the traditional designs with some chiffon reappearing. Beading and the glitter of sequins and rhinestones is also being used more on the traditional dresses.

"The new thing in headpieces for the spring is the spray," noted Pollak-Zimberg. This look brings the spray design down one side of the face and accents the eyes. Pearls and veiling depend on the bride's dress.

Cathedral veiling that is detachable to a fingertip veil is also a popular look.

At Jacobson's, Frantz sees the

brimmed hat replaced by the smaller cap with a blusher veil.

Tiaras are still in as are pointed wreaths and ribbon and rhinestone clips," said Frantz. Stardom filters down to the groom and his attendants in a new line of Miami Vice designer tuxedos from Alter Six.

"It's brand new for this season," noted Tom Nahas of Four Seasons Formal Wear. "Its basic inspiration is to bring color back into the weddings for the men."

Fiesta Blue, Flamingo and Purple Haze are jacket colors for the best man and ushers in the Miami Vice line.

The trousers have a double reverse pleat and the multi-pleated spread collar shirt is also color-coordinated.

"Designer lines such as Bill Blass and Dynasty have given the men in the wedding party an updated look," reflected Nahas. "With Miami Vice as well, men have more choices for the wedding day."

Other members of the wedding party have not been forgotten in the new season's lineup of fashions.

"The mother's dresses are not as frilly and there are many offerings in the two-piece tailored look," commented Carol at Beginnings Bridal.

Both mothers and bridesmaids can enjoy a much wider selection in color choice and a greater variety in dress lengths.

"Fashions for bridesmaids include elongated torsos, basque waists, one shoulder looks, strapless and many more tea lengths," noted Seligson.

"The mother of the bride can wear the tea length to almost any formal wedding," added Debbie Pollak-Zimberg. "The mother should also avoid wearing the same color as the bridesmaids, but complement the wedding party's dresses."

Pollak-Zimberg also encourages bridesmaids to choose dresses they can wear again. Many, she says, are attractive cut down.

Once a bride has found the perfect wedding dress and headpiece, she might think she's all set. But what about shoes, lingerie and jewelry? Accessories put together and complete any fashion look.

For the underpinnings, pick a slip when you choose your dress. The right slip makes a dress fall the way it should.

Before your dress is fitted, choose a bra that looks right under it and feels comfortable. With low cut or off the shoulder styles, you may need a

strapless. If your dress has a snug fit through the waist and hips, a long-line bra might smooth you best.

A formal dress with sleeves, a high neck and sumptuous material calls for closed-toe shoes. If you're wearing elegant satin with lace and pearls, try a pump in a matching satin or Chanel-type with a satin tip and open sling back. For any style dress, take along a fabric swatch from your dress so you can match colors. To be certain the dress is long enough for the heel height, take along your shoes to the final fitting.

If your dress has a plain bodice or a bare neck, set it off with a necklace - a pearl drop, a heart, a precious gem - or a classic single or double strand of pearls. A high-necked dress doesn't call for a necklace, but a brooch or antique cameo pinned at the throat.

To flatter an upswell hairstyle or add sparkle to a simple headpiece, look for earrings that command interest without being too bold: a pearl cluster or single drop, a brilliant ruby or sapphire surrounded by pinpoint diamonds.

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It's the Miami Vice line for this wedding party, featuring groom John Mesullo in the lobby of the Ramada Hotel in Southfield. Father of the groom, Mike DePaur, looks snappy in his White Heat Miami Vice dinner jacket. He wears black slacks and sports a pleated spread collar shirt with studs. Groomsmen Paul Fraser and Jim O'Connor wear Fiesta Blue Miami Vice jackets with double reverse pleated white pants. This new look is by Alter Six and available in the Greater Detroit area at Four Seasons.

JEFF ZOLNERSKY photographer

Bride-to-be Kim Rocho of Livonia models an Eva Haynal Forsythe embroidered beaded organza wedding dress with cathedral train. She'll soon choose a gown to wear at her August 16 wedding to Timothy Birt, also of Livonia. Dressed as mother of the bride is Core Felderman of West Bloomfield whose daughter Judy Abbott will be married in September. Her hand beaded silk chiffon dress was designed for Amourouse. The bloused bodice and draped hipline is one of today's more popular looks. Fashions from Today's Bride in Birmingham.

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