

Credits

START OF a new year often means making plans for that very special time: your wedding day.

Picking a wedding style can seem complicated. The basic wedding can range from very formal, where money is no object, to informal, with a small reception.

To help you shape your plans, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers today presents this special winter bridal section.

The section's theme? The same as before: what helps make the big day so special!

— Bob Sklar
assistant managing editor

On the cover: A formal portrait of Sherrie Reynolds of Southfield, who married Mark Kibble of Nashville, Tenn., in Detroit in 1990. Stevie Wonder sang at their wedding. The couple honeymooned on Bora Bora. Their parents are Jean and Larry Reynolds of Southfield and Claudia and Harold Kibble of Huntsville, Ala. Both Sherrie and Mark are vocalists with Nashville-based contemporary gospel groups, he with Take Six and she, with BeeBee and CeeCee Wynau. Both groups are Grammy Award winners. The bride's silk, beaded gown is from Boulevard Bridal, Birmingham. The headpiece is by Manika Designs of Chicago. The wedding portrait is by Gary R. Miller Photography, Farmington Hills.

Bob Sklar coordinated this special section. Randy Borst, graphics editor, designed the cover. Advertising coordinators were Lisa Becker and Joan



BRIDAL FACTS

Looking for a bridal shower theme? Try these.

A shower theme determines the types of gifts the guests will bring.

Miscellaneous shower
Traditional shower, with any types of gifts acceptable.

Gift basket shower
Each guest fills a basket with gifts for a different room or activity.

Lingerie and honeymoon shower

Kitchen and recipe shower
Gifts for the kitchen with guests' favorite recipes.

Linen, entertainment, gourmet and hobby showers

SOURCE: Showers by Beverly Clark

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Thank attendants with a special gift

By Debbie Wallis Landau,
special writer

ENGAGED COUPLES are so often on the receiving end of others' generosity. Parties and showers are hosted for them, newspaper photos are taken and congratulations rain down from every quarter.

In all but the smallest, most private ceremonies, however, no one's friendship, loyalty and patience can be tested as thoroughly as one's wedding attendants. Compromise is usually a given. Personal convenience is sacrificed for the needs or wishes of the bridal couple.

It can, and should, be a pleasure, therefore, for brides and grooms to thank their attendants with some token of appreciation.

How conventional or unusual, how lavish or modest the gift becomes readily guided by the couple's budget, the size of the bridal party and perhaps even their collective personalities.

Some ideas presented by an in-house gift web site and special ad options for the most important day in a bride's life are:

'Since so many brides care about a uniform look, they often want to select the same earrings or barrette for all attendants. We very frequently custom make earrings for a bride and a complementing earring to be worn by each of her bridesmaids.'

— Joanne Cohen
Ceci's manager

Of the Hialeah Road in West Hialeah, Fla., known for its fashionable jewelry and accessories, Ceci's is a store that caters to the bride and her bridesmaids. It is located at 3001 Galiano St. in the heart of the city.

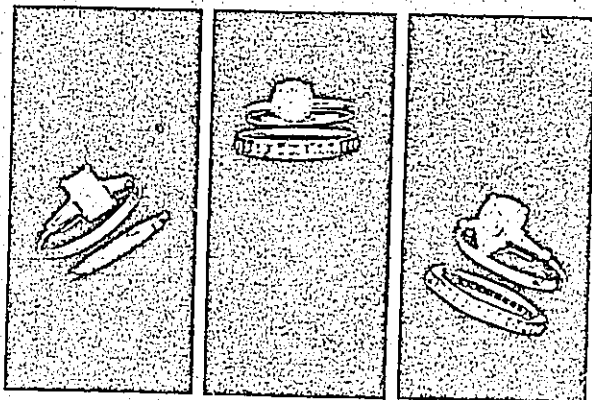
The store is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offers a wide variety of jewelry, including earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and more.

CEPTS ON the Bride's day.

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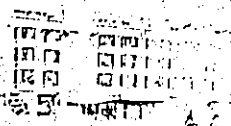
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