

Ramsey-Cotter

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ramsey of Raleigh, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Ann Ramsey of Greensboro, N.C., to Timothy Michael Cotter of Greensboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kevin Cotter of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in information systems and operations management. She is employed as a computer support specialist with CIBA-Geigy Corp.

Her fiance is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in packaging. He is employed as a packaging engineer with CIBA-Geigy Corp.

A late September wedding is planned in Fayetteville, N.C.



Theophelis-Demos

Mr. and Mrs. George Peter Theophelis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Kristen Maria to George Peter Demos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Peter Demos of Pleasant Ridge.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is attending Madonna University's pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Her fiance is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Engineering and is employed as a software engineer. A late summer wedding is planned.



Bechtel-Letourneau

Richard and Dee Letourneau of Livonia announce the engagement of their son Richard to Marlo M. Bechtel, daughter of Edward and Jackie Bechtel of Mt. Vernon, Washington.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School. Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Stevenson High School and is in the U.S. Navy stationed at Whidbey Island, Washington.

A June wedding is planned in Washington.



Zaborowski-Wickham

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zaborowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Ann to Jimmy Ray Wickham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wickham of Northville, formerly of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's of science degree in computer aided design. She is employed as assistant vice president of Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc.

Her fiance served in the United States Navy under the Department of Military Intelligence. He is also employed by Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc. in the secondary marketing department. A June wedding is planned in St. Edith's Catholic Church, Livonia.

Sewing council offers guide for designing your wedding gown

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Many brides-to-be are designing and sewing or hiring dressmakers to create their own special dress. So many, in fact, that the industry puts the figure close to 40 percent annually.

And since tastes in style are many and varied, the expansive choice of materials at the fabric shop or sewing centers offers something for everyone, including trims and notions with which to accessorize.

You also can mix and match several patterns, using the sleeves from one, bodice from another, etc., to create your one-of-a-kind design.

There are strong trends to watch in bridal wear every season. Full-skirted silhouettes remain the preferred choice, with bodes embellished with sequins, pearls, lace and ribbon. Fabrics look rich with low luster or soft, textural interest. A very pale pink has been the choice of many brides.

The gown can be long, short or even in-between with the varied high/low hem. If your heart is into short, but you're wondering if it is inappropriate for your wedding, why not create a layered dress, short and swingy over a long, slim skirt, and remove the long skirt after the ceremony when you can kick up your heels at the reception?

When you can kick up your heels at the reception?

"Wedding Belles" is a beautiful new brochure produced by the Sewing Fashion Council as a guide to designing your own wedding gown. Twenty pages from cover to cover, it provides information on selecting patterns, fabrics, styles (with figure-flattering suggestions), a glossary of laces, timetable and more.

Interspersed are romantic photographs from the sewing industry of wedding gowns, bridesmaids' and flower girls' dresses.

Designing and sewing your own gown is a major commitment, so here are some tips to get you started:

- Even experienced sewers turn to dressmakers. Consider it rather than turning yourself into a wreck.
- Unless you have worked with and are pleased with a dressmaker already, interview several, asking to see samples of their work and a cost estimate.
- Give yourself plenty of time.

Several months are needed from planning stages to applying the finishing touches.

And plan for last-minute scrambles because chances are one is waiting in the wings. Enjoy.

Remember the day:

A pretty photo album is the perfect place to keep your wedding pictures. Shown here is a bridal photo album by Deja View Albums.