



How to Select Your Wedding Jewellery?

The bride's jewellery, along with her other accessories, as a general rule should reflect the formality of the wedding celebration. Small, informal wedding calls for simple jewellery, while large, formal wedding calls for more elaborate jewellery.

The style of the bridal gown also plays a major roll in the selection of jewellery. Many of today's most popular gowns are strapless or have low necklines. This is a perfect style to showcase a wonderful necklace and earrings. Gowns with high necklines may be better of to forgo the necklace and concentrate on the perfect earrings.

As a general rule to more glitter and detailing on the gown the simpler the jewellery, while a more plain gown can support more decorative selections.

Necklace Length

The various lengths of necklaces include the, choker, the collar, and princess, matinee, and opera lengths. In general you may want to follow these guidelines in selection of the necklace length to best flatter your gowns neckline:

The Choker: One to three strands worn close around the neck is the most classic version and works well with a jewel or bateau neckline. If too much skin is showing it may get lost.

The Collar: Made up of three or more strands that fit securely around the middle neck. This Victorian style looks lovely with a plunging or strapless neckline.

The Princess: Perfect for strapless gowns, this length falls below the hollow of the neck in front -- perfect support for a pendant. This style is most often 16" looks great with almost every bridal gown neckline, except a high neckline.

The Matinee: Longer than the Princess but shorter than the Opera, this style hits the top of the bust and looks great with a bateau, jewel, or a lower neckline with sheer fabric covering the décolletage area. It shouldn't hit the top of the dress because then the necklace and the dress are fighting for attention.

The Opera: This long single strand falls below the bust and looks classic with a very high neckline. Not often a good choice for bridal gowns or bridesmaid dresses.

Other things to consider

- Keep your earrings simple if your necklace is large or grand.
- Bracelets can be worn with sleeveless, short-sleeve, and three-quarter sleeve gowns. It is possible to combine a bracelet with gloves as a dramatic accessory worn over tight-fitted gloves, but not many feel comfortable with this look.
- A watch can be worn if it is an unusual antique or family heirloom, but most watches are not appropriate wedding jewellery for the bride or the bridesmaids.

Choice of Earring

Keep this in mind when selecting earring styles:

- A button earring accentuates a round face.
- A dangle earring widens a narrow face.
- A squared earring adds interest to a long face.
- If you are wearing a Tiara you may not want to wear earrings.
- If you are not wearing a necklace you may want your earrings to be larger. It is all a matter of balance.

Wearing a Tiara

Want to feel like a princess?! Spend your special day crowned by a glittering tiara. But consider keeping the other jewellery simple, small pearl earrings and a simple necklace or let your tiara be the point of focus and leave off any extra jewellery.

Appropriate Jewellery for Bridesmaids

Most bridesmaid ensembles can be enhanced with earrings and perhaps a necklace or bracelet. All bridesmaids should wear jewellery that is the same colour and style. It can match or contrast with the colour of the dress. We recommend that you keep the bridal party jewellery simple, yet elegant. Jewellery is a great gift for the bride to consider giving her bridesmaid, and maid of honour and by doing so you can control the total look the day of the wedding.

The Type of Jewellery Most Often Selected For Weddings

Brides have worn pearls for centuries as a symbol of purity and perfection. In ancient Rome, the pearl was the ultimate symbol of wealth and social standing, while the ancient Greeks associated the pearl with love, marriage, and unrivalled beauty. The Greeks also believed the pearl would promote marital harmony.

Today's modern brides often includes rhinestones, diamonds faux diamonds, sometimes called CZ's, crystals, gemstones and or a combination of them all in their wedding jewellery. It's really a matter of personal style and budget.

The important thing is to make sure your jewellery does not over power the dress and that the colour works with the gown. For example a white bridal gown looks best with white pearls and silver. An ivory gown looks better with ivory pearls and gold. A pale pink or beige tone gown looks best with ivory and gold accents or faux gemstones that match or are slightly lighter. Rhinestones, crystals, diamonds, or faux diamonds (CZs) can work with all gown colours but it is best to use a silver setting with white and a gold setting with other gown colours. Of course, all rules are made to be broken so what makes you feel the most special