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THIS YOUNG LADY WILL BE HEARING BELLS prior to her arrival at the church with the Panasonic RC-6180 "Big Bell" clock radio, which features an extra-loud mechanical alarm for those who find it difficult to be awakened. On her wedding day, she chose to wake to "Big Bell," but she also had the radio or buzzer as an option. There is a two-alarm system to allow for any combination of the alarms to sound twice in a 24-hour period. The "Sure Alarm" battery back-up system keeps current time and alarm time internally, assuring the correct time and alarm functioning in the case of power outage on the eve of her big day.

A trousseau tradition

THE ROMANTIC WHITE DREAM SET. Lingerie designer Olga goes totally sentimental when it comes to brides—and she wants each one to feel absolutely beautiful. Her gown and kimono set is designed to keep a romantic mood long after the honeymoon. All nylon Shimmer tulle, sheer and lace worked as intricately as a wedding gown bodice. #97140 bridal set in white, S-M-L sizes, about \$62.00. For nearest store, write Olga, Dept. 49, Box 7757, Van Nuys, CA 91409.

Bridesmaid looks: New air of refinement

- Subtle garden colors like pale pastels, that keep their cool, unwitting appearance;
- Tonal florals with an impressionistic feel, reminiscent of Monet's gardens;
- Lovely printed laces;
- Fresh-looking jacquards, with high textural interest;
- Delicate sheers;
- Alternative hemlines, like the new tulip skirt.



A LOOK OF RADIANT BEAUTY on your wedding day is easily achieved when you plan ahead and follow advice from the experts, says Glenn Roberts, creative beauty director for Elizabeth Arden.

A private retreat: The bedroom designed a deux

Getting away from it all. It's a familiar enough expression. But what most of us don't normally think about is the special significance of that phrase for newly and soon-to-be-married couples.

"Building a marriage takes time and privacy," notes Martha Ward, a design consultant for metal bed manufacturer, Dresher, Inc. "That's why it's essential for newlyweds to find or create a place that really does get them away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, an intimate retreat where they can leave the world behind and focus exclusively on themselves and their relationship.

"Naturally," Ward continues, "it would be wonderful to have a cottage in the Caribbean or a *plea-a-terre* in Paris reserved for that purpose, but exotic locales truly aren't necessary. The fact is that a couple's own bedroom can become a get-away *par excellence*... if both partners are willing to work together to promote a sense of *our* place, *our* space. The first step in that process? Sharing all decorating decisions."

To help novice decorating teams get their bedroom retreat off to a proper and mutually agreeable start, Ward offers the following suggestions:

• If at all possible, plan on furnishing the bedroom only with pieces you've shopped for or received as a couple.

It's perfectly permissible, not to mention economically practical, to combine individually acquired items in the more public areas of the home. But the bedroom—*your* place, *your* space—should represent a true marriage of tastes.

• As the centerpiece of your private retreat, a bed should be the first item on your shopping list. "Although wood, laminate and lacquer-finished beds may have been the beds-of-choice in years past, the popularity of painted metal and brass styles, such as those from Dresher, has zoomed in the last decade. And for good reason," Ward observes.

"Whether traditional 'spindle and scroll' or sleekly contemporary, these beds have a classic beauty. They're also easy to maintain, capable of lasting a lifetime,

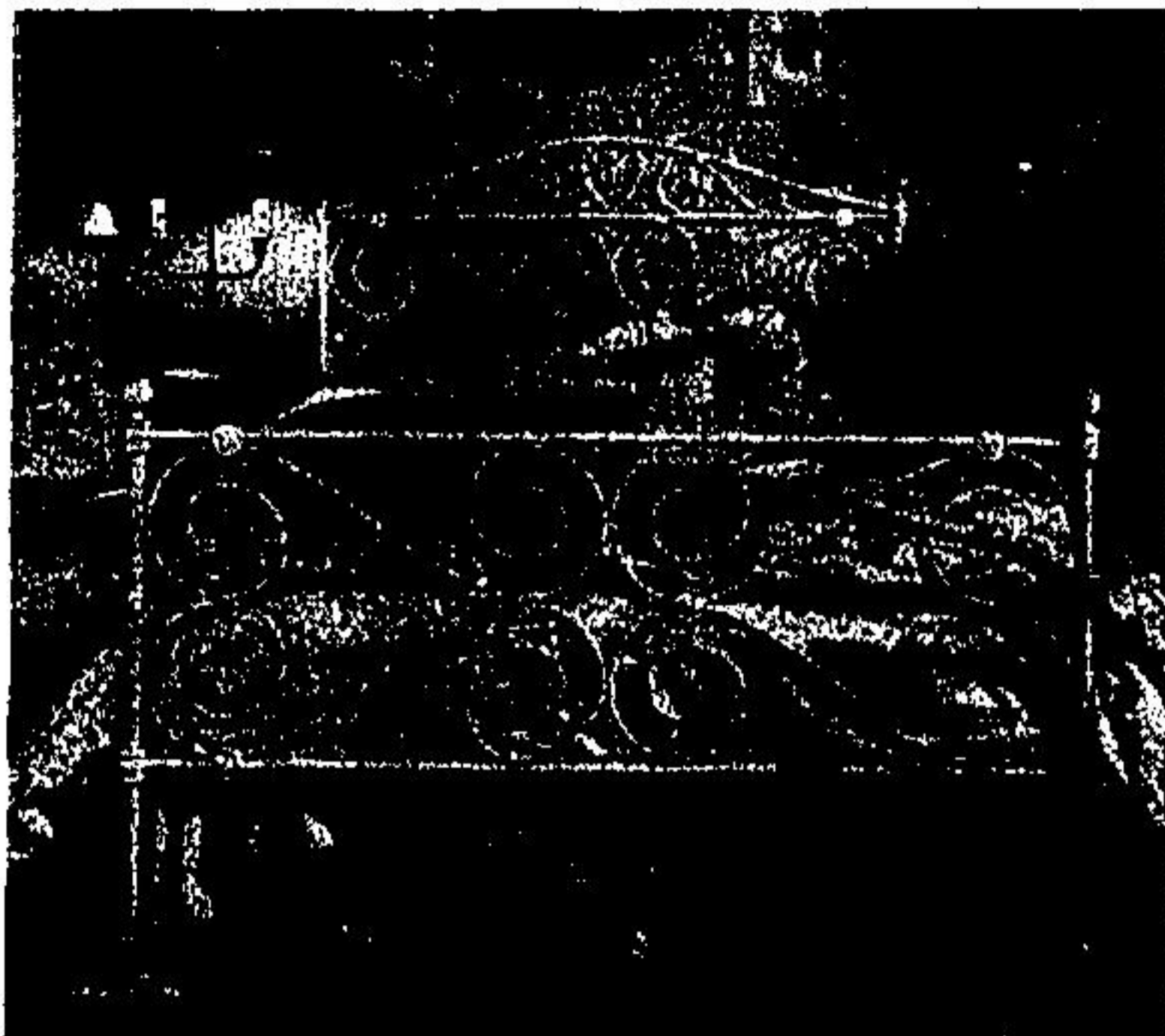
and the perfect complement to an eclectic decorating scheme—a refreshing alternative to the everything-matches-everything approach to interior decorating, and an important consideration for the newlywed couple whose decorating ideas may change with time."

• Emphasize the art of compromise when selecting patterns, colors and styles of bedclothes, draperies and upholstery fabrics. To avoid a too-masculine or too-feminine look, offset florals with geometrics or stripes, ruffles with man-tailored accents and silky touches with coarser

textures.

As a final step, accessorize with objects that hold special meaning for both of you: A wreath of flowers gathered on your honeymoon, pictures unearthed at a first-date flea market, a prized lamp presented by a mutual friend or baskets brought back from a trip to the tropics.

Once completed, your intimate get-away will be the ideal setting for sharing secrets, hopes and dreams, for learning what it means to be a couple. And that, when everything is said and done, is what happily-ever-afters are really all about.



EVERY NEWLYWED COUPLE needs a get-away place that's uniquely their own. And what better and more accessible spot than the bedroom? In this eclectic retreat—a reflection of both partners' tastes and efforts—Dresher's delicately scrolled and brass-accented painted metal bed establishes the overall mood. Maintaining the room's "his-and-her balance" is a mix of floral and geometric prints, ruffles and tailored pleats, pastel tones and more vibrant shades. Accessories gathered during shared moments, a comfy upholstered chair and artfully arranged flowers and plants complete this recipe for wedded (and bedded) bliss.

Role of the professional bridal consultant

Most brides—sooner or later—realize the massive scope of the special day they are planning.

A return to the formal, elegant wedding, coupled with a lack of time for the working bride, makes the use of a wedding consultant or planner more a necessity than a luxury.

A professional bridal consultant can help the bride organize, plan and direct all or part of her wedding... and keep it

within the budget.

The bride plans only one wedding, while the consultant can call on experience and a wide range of suppliers to help make the wedding just what the bride dreams about—without the nightmares that come with planning it by herself.

Once only in the realm of the rich and famous, consultants now work with all sizes of weddings, but always with the

same goal. It is the consultant's job to organize, recommend and suggest to the bride the proper, most economical way to prepare for her biggest day.

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