

Bride can put best foot forward

There was a time when the basics of getting married consisted of something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.

Not anymore! Today's bride has to think of every detail—right down to her toes. Aris Isotoner, maker of Isotoner Comfort Slippers, has the following tips to offer to today's bride who wants to start her marriage off on the right foot:

- Why not treat your feet to a pedicure on the day—or the day before—your wedding!

Whether you give yourself an at-home pedicure or visit your local beauty salon, you'll appreciate the soothing results and your feet will never look better.

- Be sure your wedding shoes fit properly and feel comfortable!

There's nothing worse than having to break in new shoes, especially those you'll be wearing on the most important day of your life.

- Bring a pair of soft, flexible slippers to wear on your honeymoon after a full day of sightseeing.

Your feet may swell and you'll really enjoy the massaging action of a stretch slipper, like Isotoner Comfort Slippers.

You'll feel like you're having a foot massage—and then you'll be ready for the next day's adventures.



The bride's pearls: How to keep them lovely for years to come

Just as the bride will probably wear white on her wedding day, chances are pretty good that she'll also be wearing a lovely strand of cultured pearls.

A timeless symbol of purity and devotion, pearls have been part of a bride's wardrobe for generations past and are likely to remain the favored wedding gem for generations to come.

Instructions for care

But long after the last toast has been sipped and the wedding gown put away, her pearls will be a treasured part of her jewelry collection.

To make sure that her cultured pearls remain as bright and lustrous as they were on her wedding day, here are some

tips for keeping them clean and healthy looking:

- Always apply makeup, hairspray and perfume before putting on a strand of pearls.

The acidic ingredients in such cosmetics will damage the surface of a cultured pearl and dull its lustre.

- After wearing a strand of pearls, wipe them off with a moist, soft cloth to clean them of harmful body acids found in perspiration, which will dull the lustre over the years.

- For deep cleaning your pearls, gently scrub them with a soft cloth in a mild solution of household dishwashing liquid. Then rinse well and let the string dry completely before wearing.

You may use a commercial pearl cleaner, but make sure that it does not have an alcohol base.

- When not wearing your pearls, keep them separate from your other jewelry in a soft cloth pouch. The surface of a cultured pearl is quite delicate and can be easily scratched by other jewelry containing precious metals and gemstones.

- Take your cultured pearl necklace to

your local jeweler for restringing about once every year.

Reasons for restringing

After a year of wear, the string is likely to become dirty and unattractive. In addition, it will stretch and weaken and, most likely, break.

- When having pearls restringed make sure that your jeweler knots the string between each pearl. In case of breakage, this will prevent your pearls from slipping off the thread and onto the floor.



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