

Wedding dress should compliment bride



Carol Campbell (middle) a seamstress and sales clerk with Elizabeth's Fashion's and Bridal Boutique, Main Street in Georgetown, does the fitting for Lisa Burchell's bridesmaids dress while the store manager, Heather Burke, looks on. (Herald photo)

Before deciding on a wedding dress, a bride should decide on the type of wedding she and her groom wants, and Heather Burke, store manager of Elizabeth's Fashions and Bridal Boutique on Main Street in Georgetown.

A full-sleeved cathedral length traditional type wedding dress is suited for the more traditional type wedding, explained Ms. Burke. For the more informal garden styled wedding, a cocktail length summer dress or a two-piece suit would be more appropriate, she explained.

Regardless of the style of dress, said Ms. Burke, the bride must ensure that the dress is comfortable, because "she's going to be in it for a long time."

A few years ago, the informal type of dress was the most popular, said Ms. Burke, but since then, the traditional type dress has been in vogue. Women are looking for more glamour today, she explained.

But it's really up to what the bride and groom want, she added.

The color of a wedding dress, said Ms. Burke, should compliment the bride's color. The most popular colors for a wedding dress are white or off-white.

When shopping for a wedding dress, Ms. Burke recommends the bride do it with only one or two of her bridesmaids.

Shopping with more people breeds indecision, she said.

Ms. Burke said that a bride should order her dress a year in advance, so that any changes in the bride's shape can be accommodated. As well, ordering the dress a year in advance ensures that any problems concerning delivery can be solved in time,

she explained.

Bridesmaids should order their dresses approximately six months before the wedding, said Ms. Burke. The bridesmaids should choose a colored dress that compliments the color of the bride. For example, if the bride is a redhead it doesn't

make sense for the bridesmaids to wear bright red dresses, said Ms. Burke.

As for the other members of a wedding party, they should also choose a style and color of clothing that fits in with that of the bride, explained Ms. Burke.

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