## Hairstyles for the bride



GLIDE DOWN THE AISLE in any one of these modern-day masterpieces. The ingenue bride (left) leaves tomboy days behind as she dons gown and veil to look like a breathtaking princess. Center: Happy, delicate and romantic is how every bride will look on her wedding day with face-framing wisps to complement a crown of pearls and tulle. A regal coiffure (right) swept off to one side features the romance of a cascade of curls onto the bare shoulder.

## Pearls perfect purchase

In the months leading up to the wedding day, the bride and groom have countless decisions to make. Attending to such details as seating arrangements and selecting gifts for the attendants can be both exhibitating and exhausting. By planning ahead and prioritizing appropriately, couples can minimize potential stress, while ensuring that nothing will be overlooked.

For instance, because they are an age-old symbol of love and purity, pearls are uniquely suited to adorn the glowing bride and to serve as mementoes for the entire wedding party. And — an added bonus for busy couples — it's easy to purchase gifts for the bridesmaids and ushers while selecting cultured pearl jewelry to be worn on the wedding day.

Choosing cultured pearl accessories ensures that the wedding-day jewelry can be cherished — and worn — for many years to come. Cultured pearls, which, like the natural are grown in live oysters, will maintain a long-lasting beauty and value. Imitation pearls, on the other hand, are made almost entirely of synthetic — and sometimes organic — chemicals, and therefore have no intrinsic value.

Look for pearls that have a bright, clear lustre and a deep inner glow. Try to select pearls that are relatively free of surface blemishes (cracks, bumps or blisters), which can detract from the overall beauty and may shorten the life of the pearl.

In addition, it is best to match pearl color to individual skin tone. Women with light hair and fair complexions tend to look best in cultured pearls with a slight rose tint, while cultured pearls in creamy, off-white shades complement darker hair and skin tones.

With the variety of cultured pearl accessories to choose from, it's easy to enjoy the convenience of one-stop shopping for the bridal party. Bridesmaids will be delighted with gifts of cultured pearl pendants, bracelets or earrings, while cultured pearl tie tacks, cuff links or shirt studs are appropriate choices for ushers.

Whatever the final selections, cultured pearls are sure to add a beautifully delicate touch to the wedding day ensemble. And, perhaps best of all, their beauty — and value — can be enjoyed for many years to come.

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