

Old style attire is in vogue

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Traditional bridal fashions are back for '87, with satin dresses and long trains dominating the styles.

"White dresses are still popular among brides," explained Chris Berry, manager of The Wedding Room in Stouffville, "but some girls just can't wear white. Ivory has been taking the color lead for the past several seasons."

Gowns are also available in color combinations, including, pink and white and blue and white.

Satin is the highest selling fabric this year, with taffeta, chiffon, organza (which looks like chiffon, but is stiffer) and lustre organza (which has a sheen), following its lead.

When imported gowns from Hong Kong were introduced last year salons didn't realize how well they would be received, and now have a hard time keeping them stocked.

These imports are hand-beaded with extensive cut work and applique on skirts and trains. Gowns have lower backs and very long trains.

Manufacturers in Toronto are supplying dress salons with a wide variety of styles for a bride to choose from. According to Mrs. Berry, many bridal fashions for '87 are made with full skirts.

Ruffles are in, both on the trains and along the bodice of the dress. Short sleeves are in style, as are puffy sleeves with lace applique.

"For girls who don't want their arms showing, a detachable sleeve can be made," explained Mrs. Berry.

Mermaid dresses are making their debut this year. These tight fitting gowns, usually purchased without a train, suit the thin and tall bride-to-be.

Bridal Accessories

Hats which have fallen out of favor during the last few years, are being replaced by hair pieces with veils, small caps and headbands, including wreaths and bands that are beaded.

Gloves remain a bride's choice and satin pumps remain favored footwear.

Attendants

Cocktail length dresses in bright colors, including hot pink,



Traditional bridal styles have been making an appearance on the wedding scene of late, for everyone from brides to proud parents. Here, a model bride and attendant display their's at a recent bridal show at Richmond Hill's Parkway Sheraton.

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red, royal blue, teal and emerald are filling racks in bridal salons.

"Bright colors are in this year, but don't forget the soft pinks and peaches, which remain popular," Mrs. Berry said.

Bridesmaids are choosing dresses that aren't just for the one occasion, but can be worn again. The favorite fabric is satin.

Suits are gaining in popularity this season, consisting of a dress with spaghetti straps and a jacket.

Girls are completing the look with hats, headbands and hair combs, along with shoes dyed to match their dress. Bridesmaids outfits are supposed to complement bridal attire.

And don't forget the "second-time-around brides" who are pur-

chasing traditional wedding dresses this year, especially if they never wore one for their first ceremony.

Suits are also popular, along with cocktail length dresses in white, ivory, and soft pastel shades.

Mothers of the bride are also purchasing cocktail length dresses in bright colors, with chiffon being chosen most often.

Dresses with draped, lower backs and full skirts are stylish, along with tunic dresses, which don't have tailored waist lines. This style is becoming for the full figure woman.

Hairpieces, flowered combs, matching purses and shoes complete a mother's outfit for her daughter's special day.



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