

Wedding Veils: A Tradition Worth Preserving

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The wedding veil is a staple of tradition. Historically, veils were worn to protect brides from evil spirits. Now, they're simply worn to make you look especially gorgeous. Wedding veils are a tradition worth preserving. After your gown, your wedding veil is the top defining aspect of your appearance on your wedding day. Here are some tips to help you choose the right veil.

The Dress

Naturally, you want a wedding veil that complements your dress. First, consider the main elements of your dress. Does it have a heavily-beaded bodice, or maybe a full, tulle skirt? Regardless, you'll want to choose a veil that doesn't obscure your main detail points on the gown. You definitely don't want to conceal all those incredible flourishes. Otherwise, what's the point of selecting a dress with such finery?

Before selecting your veil, you'll also want to consider the style of the gown. Is it sleek and minimalist? Perhaps it's a full-blown princess creation. Maybe it's a sassy, chic mini. Dresses that are very ornate are best paired with simple veils that don't compete with the gown. If your dress is closer to the simple end of the spectrum, an elaborate veil is quite appropriate.

The Face

Veils are frames for the face. As a result, it's crucial that you choose a veil that flatters the shape of your face. Don't know the shape of your face? Stand in front of a mirror and use a bar of soap to trace around your face. When you're finished, stand back and observe the shape of what you traced. Now you know your face shape.

If your face is round, opt for a veil that is, at minimum, shoulder length. It's also good for round-faced brides to choose veils with some volume on top. Avoid veils with too much fullness on the sides.

Those with square faces will want veils that soften their strong angles. If your face is square, you should also look for a veil that at least reaches shoulder length, and has volume on top. Try a style that cascades down.

If your face is rectangular, steer clear of veils with height at the top. Look for a veil with fullness on the sides. Oval-faced brides can pull off nearly any style of veil. Don't go too crazy, however, as extremely voluminous veils can make the proportions of your face appear altered.

The Body

A great veil can help correct any personal concerns with body shape. Short women can elongate their look by wearing veils that are no longer than waist height. If you have a large stomach or bust, try a fingertip-length or longer veil. This will help stretch out your look. Women with fuller figures might opt for narrow single-tiered veils, in order to limit adding extra volume to their looks. Pear shaped? Try a veil no lower than waist level. Those that end at shoulder level are a great choice here, as well. Now that

you've received your veil education, try these recommendations.

Flower Comb with Detachable Facial Blusher

This modern veil is so popular right now. The blusher is detachable, allowing you to flaunt the lovely, rhinestone-centered flower comb long after the ceremony ends. It's a perfect choice for the fashionista bride, or for those wanting a simple, elegant look.

Rhinestone & Pearl Embellished Chapel Length Veil

This elaborate, chapel-length veil is the perfect finishing touch to dramatic bridal ensembles. Scattered rhinestones and pearls add flair and sparkle. This striking selection is available in white or ivory.

Waist Length Veil with Scalloped Beaded Edge

This single tier stunner is waist-length, so it flatters many different styles and body types. Accented with a pretty, scalloped edge embellished with delicate bugle beads for that perfect touch of decoration, you'll love the modern, floral swirl design.

Embellished Cathedral Veil

You're certain to make a major statement in this dramatic, cathedral length design that measures 120 inches long by 72 inches wide. The edge is carefully detailed with gorgeous, scattered beaded and embroidered motifs.

Fingertip Length Veil with Scattered Crystal Edge

This two-tiered veil reaches your fingertips and is great for many different styles or formality levels. The first tier measures 30 inches, and the second tier measures 35 inches. Glamour girls will love the embellished edge with scattered crystals. Sparkles galore!

Short Two Tier Veil with Pearls and Rhinestones

This is a great choice for brides seeking a shorter veil, but who don't want to compromise the glam factor. The first tier measures 19 inches, and the second tier measures 22 inches. Classic and glamorous, you'll appreciate the pretty, rhinestone embellishments and tasteful pearl trim.

So many amazing veils! Which one will you choose? The selection process is the really fun part. Have a great time, blushing bride!

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