

bridal attire

You may be thinking that you have enough to worry about – having to find your own perfect dress and all – and that choosing the right dress that will make all of your attendants happy or picking out outfits for the ring bearer or flower girl may be a bit bewildering. Thankfully, with the help

of bridal stylists, planners, and gown designers, we've taken a lot of the guesswork out of the task. Read on for some great tips on how to choose dresses and little tuxes, plus the latest trends in bridal attire to make sure your wedding day is as beautiful as it was meant to be.

Bridesmaids

When choosing dresses for your bridesmaids, color, fabric, silhouette, and uniformity should all be taken into account. If you're set on pleasing everyone's palette, try to consider what your bridesmaids would like to wear. "Many brides today are choosing a designer, color, and fabric, and then letting their girls choose a dress they want within that range," says bridal stylist Julie Sabatino. This flexibility will please your bridesmaids and make you feel confident that giving them these guidelines to stay within will produce beautiful results. "It's good for the bride to be as specific as possible," says Sabatino. "For example, if you don't want them to wear strapless dresses because you're wearing a strapless gown, tell them. Or if you want them all to wear the same hemline, let them know." Brides are also leaning away from the matching-attendants look and letting their bridesmaids wear different variations of styles and shades instead of the same exact dress or color. But, whether you are going the traditional route of having all of your girls wearing the same dress and color or being more modern and letting them wear different styles and shades, be sure that the dress looks great on each individual girl.

Gina Jokilehto Schigel of Shi Shi Events in Cleveland, OH, has seen an influx of tea-length bridesmaid's dresses. "Tea-length dresses are cuter than full-length, and invite you to pair them with interesting shoes." Another big trend: the little black bridesmaid dress. "People think black is a morbid

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