

WEDDING STYLE

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Antique Deco-style marquise & round diamond 5ctw bracelet. Available at Doyle & Doyle, 189 Orchard Street. 212-677-9991.



Estate Bow & Lead 3.9ctw drop earrings set in platinum. Available at Doyle & Doyle, 189 Orchard Street. 212-677-9991.



Customized bridal scents in 22-karat hand-painted Venetian style bottles. Scent by Alexis, available at Henri Bendel.

A-list bridal stylist Julie Sabatino, whose company, The Stylish Bride, outfits Manhattan and the Hamptons shared some of the most recent bridal trends with Social Life. During our lunch of bellinis, gazpacho, and truffle artichoke salads we talked about a mélange of fabrics and accessories from chantilly lace, swags, fluted cap sleeves, Grecian silks, custom moonstone or mother-of-pearl bridesmaid chokers, beaded Moyna bags to antique cream strappy Manolos.

Current bridal couture is softer, more feminine, and more generously Grecian than tailored. The look of the moment is more about scalloped sweetheart necklines and flowing fabrics, with every variety and form of lacy strap or rippling cap sleeve. Edwardian empire waists are in vogue, as are stylishly appointed bows, roses, gathered bodices, ruffles and swags. Other articles that are popular among today's chic bride are jackets, shrugs and stoles finished in satin or lace, fixed with a bow or vintage style broach.

Forget rich, heavy fabrics such as Alençon lace – they, along with tiaras, are on fashion sabbatical, at least for the foreseeable future. Instead, look for lighter, frothier, more translucent materials that glide when you walk. Today's veils are longer and simpler, perhaps boasting a few tiny pearls, and headpieces are romantically understated.

If your wedding finale is a club-style after party and you are not planning on a gown change, freshen your look by grabbing a fun beaded bag, trading in your pearls for sparkling chandelier earrings and donning gold or silver stilettos.

The most important tip? No more or less than classic fashion lore. "As with anything, dress to flatter your body type," says Julie. No matter how stylish a dress is, or how fabulous it looks in a magazine, if it is wearing you, instead of you wearing it, best to keep shopping!



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