

## Fashion

Modern lines are clean and minimal, but you can romanticize your modern look with delicate detailing as in this satin v-neck gown that features a beaded bodice and a split-back skirt that opens to reveal a beaded chiffon insert (\$599). Crown your head with a rhinestone pearl tiara fit for a modern-day princess (\$99). All from **David's Bridal**, 1-888-480-Bride or [www.davidsbridal.com](http://www.davidsbridal.com). The platinum ring has a modern setting made for antique rose-cut diamonds and fancy intense yellow diamonds set in the bezel (\$9,000) at **Nana Gallery**, 214-460-5446 or [www.nanagallery.com](http://www.nanagallery.com). Austrian crystal earrings by Destinée Crystallite (\$4.99) at **Sally Beauty**, [www.sallybeauty.com](http://www.sallybeauty.com).

## Makeup

Modern makeup is soft and light-handed, with a touch of shine. To enhance the romance, go for rosy cheeks and pretty lip shade.

❖ If your wedding is outside, use a moisturizer that contains sunscreen.

❖ Apply a water-based liquid foundation to clean, moisturized skin, using a foundation brush for smooth application.

❖ Avoid applying too much concealer or a shade that is too light, especially under your eyes, to avoid the "reverse raccoon" look.

❖ To make coordinating eye shadow shades a cinch, choose a shadow trio and use the lightest shade on your lids, the mid-tone shade in the crease and the darkest shade to line your upper and lower lashes.

❖ Highlight the brow and cheek-bones with a shadow that contains a hint of shine.

❖ Curl eyelashes to give eyes a more open look and apply two light coats of waterproof mascara.

❖ For the longest-lasting lip color, first apply foundation to lips, then line and fill in lips with a lip pencil that's close to your natural lip shade and use a brush to apply lipstick. Lip gloss adds shine, but won't last long.

❖ Finish with blush and translucent powder and look at your makeup in natural light to make sure it's well-blended and balanced.

## Hair

Today, sleek up/down styles are popular with brides who want a modern look. To lend a touch of romance, add a sparkling tiara as an accent.

❖ If you have wavy/curly hair and want to wear it straight, have your hair washed and blown out by your stylist the day before. Sleep with your hair tied back with a soft cloth, so you don't make any marks in it, and sleep on a satin pillowcase.

❖ The day of the wedding, dry-set it on jumbo, self-stick rollers, spraying each section with a little shaping spray.

❖ To create a sleek up/down style, first tease the crown a little to add volume. Spray with styling spray and smooth the top back. Then brush one side of the hair back, smooth to the head, and pin it in the back to secure. Brush the other side of the hair back, twist (almost like you were doing a French twist, only with the hair downward) and pin along the edge to secure.

❖ To prevent fly-aways, spray a little styling spray on your hair-brush before smoothing hair.

❖ To add brilliant shine, spray very lightly with a weightless shine spray, holding the can at least eight inches from the head

*For a guide to the products used to create this updated classic look, turn to page 42.*



# Bridal Nails

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Whether your style is classic, modern or romantic, there are plenty of nail shades that are wedding-appropriate. The most classic look is a French Manicure. If you prefer a solid color, you'll want to keep to soft shades in sheer, cream or pearl finishes. Whether you have your nails done at the salon or achieve the look at home, allow plenty of time for nails to dry completely. If you have your nails done the day before, apply top coat the day of the wedding, brushing it on the back of the free-edge to help prevent chipping.

## Selecting a Ring

When accepting a ring, remember that a bride should expect the most from the man she loves but should be graceful about what her man can actually afford.

Let your boyfriend know what kind of styles you like by pointing out shapes and other pieces of jewelry.

Even more important is letting him know what you dislike. If you dislike oval or pear, say it now!

Colored stones as engagement rings are having a huge comeback along with vintage-style rings and cuts.

Nothing beats a diamond so make sure your boyfriend is well versed in the four C's: Color, Cut, Clarity, and Carat weight.

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
Cotton Candy

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
Sand Bisque Frost

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
French Baby Pink

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
Sparkling Lavender

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
French Rose Opal Frost



Savvy Nail Lacquer  
*French Blue Opal Frost*

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
*French Satin*

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
*Pearl Ice*

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
*French Beige*

Savvy Nail Lacquer  
*French Cafe*

## Bouquet Tips

Keep in mind the wedding colors you have chosen for the centerpieces, favors, and bridesmaids' gowns. Choose colors that you love or ones that have been dominant in your wardrobe.

The colors should be complementary to each other and to the rest of your wedding. For example if your wedding colors are periwinkle and lavender, then your bouquet should be light pink, lavender, with some light greenery. Try to not be too matchy-matchy.

Meet with your florist pre-wedding to discuss what your specific style is and what flowers you have always loved.

Smell! Many brides forget to check aroma when selecting flowers. Your flowers may be pretty but if you don't like the way they smell, you will be unhappy!