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Elegant gold satin
with an ivory picot
overlay sets off the
vintage onion roses
and velvet leaves of
this classic round
tier cake, left.

COVER: The bride
is carrying a
vintage-inspired
bouquet complete
with love knots
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Defining your look

Shelley Waugh

Every bride wants to look beautiful on her wedding day, from her gown to her hair. You'll want to define your look of having your hair match your dress and you. Most stylists will take the time to give you a proper consultation to discuss their service packages. Hair pieces and extensions can be added to short or fine hair to create various effects. Wigs are often used on warm days. Here are some basic suggestions:

- Have your hair done in the salon two or three months before your wedding to make sure you will be happy with the results.
- Let your hairstylist know if you are planning to take off your headpiece or veil at your reception, so that your hair maintains its style.

- Go through a mini-rehearsal with your stylist in taking off your headpiece.
 - Do not colour your hair the day before your wedding in case you need more than 24 hours to fix it.
 - Bridal beauty timeline –make a checklist count-down for the big day.
 - Establish a basic emergency beauty kit that a member of your wedding party can be responsible for.
- Several hair stylists will make house calls before the wedding and meet you at the reception for touch-ups. If you are not all that cosmetic-conscious, reply upon professionals.
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YOUR BEAUTY LOOK - YOUR FACE, MAKEUP AND SKINCARE

There is a special glow that makes every bride beautiful. If the cosmetic business could bottle it they would. However, cosmetics do help most brides optimize their look for the wedding day.

Throughout your engagement maintain your beauty regime. Keep your face clean, get or give yourself facials once a month, drink lots of water and get plenty of sleep. Stress can make your skin look lifeless.

The style of makeup you choose should bring out the best in your face and enhance your personality. Decide which look you want - glamorous, pretty or natural. If you are planning to hire makeup and/or hair services, remember to include those quotes in your wedding planning so that you can compare prices along the way.

YOUR FACE

Before you start to create the look you want for your wedding day, it is important that you become aware of the shape of your face and the color of your skin. This will help you decide what works for you. If it doesn't, figure out how you might be able to adjust the various cosmetic elements so that you can get the effect you want.

The six face shapes are:

- Round: full cheeks which are widest at the ears.
- Square: has a strong square jaw line.
- Triangle or pear-shaped: has a narrow forehead and a wide jaw line.
- Heart: is widest at the temples and narrow at the chin.
- Long: narrow throughout from the forehead to the chin.
- Oval: from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin, the face is the same width and perfectly symmetrical.

YOUR MAKEUP

- If you are going to wear false eyelashes and never have worn them before, practice with them beforehand. Don't wait until your wedding day to try them. Also, carry a spare set and glue.
- Get your eyebrows shaped a month before your wedding. If you don't like the result, there is time for them to grow back.
- Wear only water-proof mascara (protection for tears).
- If the weather is humid, extra powder should be applied to tone down the shine.
- Make sure to discuss your makeup with your photographer to help him plan his lighting - natural daylight for day weddings; artificial light for night weddings.
- If you are using a professional makeup artist, make sure they know the type of photography you are having done.
- Before you hire a makeup artist, prepare yourself by having them do a free makeup job in advance.

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

As well, everyone's face fits into a different group of color tones: Yellow - ivory complexions with much red-

ness; orange - a mixture of red and yellow; and red - pinkish without much yellow. Each color group consists of pale, medium or dark tones. Always choose a foundation shade that is in your own color group. Use a shade lighter or darker to achieve a special effect.

YOUR SKINCARE

If you don't already have a skin care program, this is the perfect time to go on one. You have to know your skin type in order to choose the right cleansing products and to protect your skin from the weather. Your diet has to be right for you to maintain good skin. If you want a romantic fairy-tale soft look, do not wear too much makeup. Heavy mascara makes the eyes seem too dark and will spoil the fresh look. - **W&H**

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Décor ... the finishing touch

Decorations will put the finishing touch on your engagement events, ceremony site, reception venue and even the cars in your wedding parade. Your choices will help you set the mood and style of your wedding celebrations. The decorations can be simple, unique, elaborate or traditional they can encompass flowers (real or silk), candles, lanterns, ribbons, balloons, streamers, fabrics and anything else you can imagine.

Once you've decided what you want (sometimes it's easier to decide on what you don't want!) you can start looking for those items that are going to embellish your special day. Some ethnic customs dictate which ribbons and other decorations are to be used to symbolize specific wedding traditions.

If you are going to hire a professional designer, let him or her know the colors, theme ideas, and above all, budget you have in mind. Before the designer finalizes your decorating plans, make sure you have approved the final photos or drawings showing the look, costs and colors of your fin-

ished design.

Most professional designers will show you a scrapbook of their previous assignments. They will probably want a 50% deposit on your order with the balance paid (usually by certified cheque) at the wedding. Make sure your contract lists the name of the person who will be giving the designer your cheque, and who the cheque should be given to.

If you are organizing your own decorations, there are several creative designing and craft books that explain step-by-step how to achieve some of the things you want to accomplish. Research will locate florists, nurseries, craft stores and friends who are good at making decorations.

Centrepieces for your guests' tables at your pre-wedding parties or reception will depend upon how elaborate you want them to be or what your budget will allow you to spend. They can be created, bought or home-made. Usually the centrepieces are designed to carry the theme and display the colors you have chosen. Look through craft books to get ideas for centrepieces and table gifts - candles, flow-

ers, fruits, candles, theme icons, disposable cameras, favors, candies - favorites are tulle-wrapped candied almonds, objects of arts and hobby items. You may even select a built centrepiece with breakaway clusters of bud vases or decorative potted fruit trees. - **W&H**



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Before you select a travel agent, make sure the company will allow you to register your honeymoon with their agency. If you are dealing with an agency that is part of a chain, establish where their locations are and include this information in your out-of-town guest information that includes their hotel and maps, etc.

Then add the travel agency and the agent's name, address, phone and website to your wedding gift registries list. There are also other places you can register for travel items you might need on your honeymoon - such as luggage, swimsuit, wardrobe, camera, sports equipment and so forth.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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ONLINE TIPS FOR EXOTIC AND TROPICAL DESTINATIONS

Couples planning a Safari in Africa are usually informed of the health risks by their travel agent,

including the high risk of the mosquito-transmitted disease Malaria. However, many aren't informed that malaria is a threat in other, more popular destinations, including Jamaica, Belize, the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Islands. Of the nearly 1,500 cases of malaria diagnosed each year in the United States alone, nearly all these cases were acquired from visits to other countries.

To help travelers have safer, healthier vacations and honeymoons, infectious disease specialists have created a new tool on the Internet that can be used to both inform the general public and educate physicians about prevention, diagnosis and treatment for the mosquito-transmitted malaria virus.

Dr. Phuc Nguyen-Dinh, a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and in the Division of Parasitic Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control, helped design the website which aims to help decrease the potential threat of malaria.

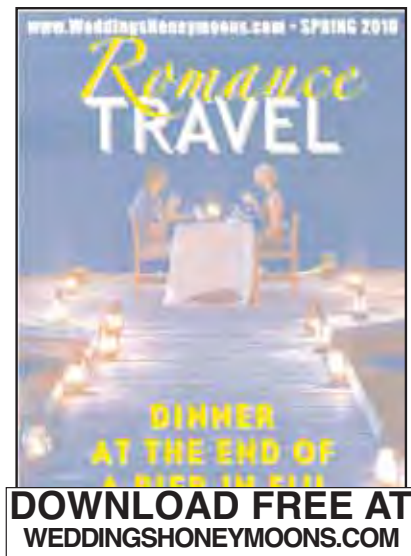
Visit www.cdc.gov/travel to learn ways to avoid malaria through preventive measures. The website also offers a world risk map, which illustrates geographic locations and the posed malaria risk to visitors of that specific region. It also offers tips on how to seek treatment for the disease and the symptoms to be aware of in case travelers begin to feel ill upon their return from another country. - **W&H**



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COVER: Pretty Ribbons

By Joyce Barslow
Veils and headpieces: tuxedo bows with accent jewels can crown hair that may be pulled up, a short veil may have a ribbon trim or a very long veil can be embellished with lace, embroidery, beadwork and ribbon.



The boutonniere: includes a satin ribbon, narrow ombre with a picot edge, iridescent taffeta and hand-dyed silk.

This delicate burnt-ostrich plume, pictured, is anchored by a jeweled rosette, creating an elegant vintage look.

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The book on ribbons celebrates its history, versatility and beauty and includes techniques for tying bows and other methods of working with ribbon, as well

as how to purchase, care for, and store ribbon. Chapters also include Ribbon in Fashion, in the Home, a Visual Ribbon Glossary, Resources, and Celebrations and Seasonal Embellishments, and more.

•**For favors:** the creaminess of the satin ribbon and the crisp millinery spray lend themselves to the feeling of simple luxuriousness to this favor box, pictured. The flowers themselves are an additional treasure for guests.



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Choosing a Style, Theme or Color Scheme

Once you've decided on what type of a wedding you are going to have, you can choose your color scheme to carry throughout your wedding and reception. You may have a favourite color or you may have seen a color scheme used at a wedding or event you attended. You have every color of the rainbow to choose from with limitless shades and combinations. If you want to be traditional, use solid colors. If you want to be contemporary, use black and white, pastel or shaded combinations. If you are planning a theme wedding, the theme itself will dictate your colors.

Every wedding has a theme:

In theory every wedding has a theme; some are just more obvious than others. If you plan to have a special theme wedding it is probably because you don't want a wedding "like everyone else". Therefore, you'll need lots of time to research every detail to make it happen. Details will include the environment, menu, music, entertainment, invitations, wedding program, place cards, costumes for staff and most important of all, your wedding outfits.

The easiest theme to choose is one that is close to you - like your home province or a country you have visited. You are only limited by your imagination. If you aren't sure what theme you would like, develop a theme page and start to research different ideas.

Before you start creating your budget for your theme wedding you'll also have to decide if you want it to be formal or informal and if it's to be a religious ceremony or a civil one. Once you've established these guidelines, you can start developing the list of items you require for your theme. If you are getting married in a place that is new to you, ask if there are any special requirements before you set your wheels in motion. As you develop your unique wedding plan and budget, you'll be encountering all sorts of things you hadn't thought of. If something is too difficult, look for an alternative. Depending on how important it is or what it is, you can rent, borrow or buy props. Be ready to compromise without losing sight of your original theme.

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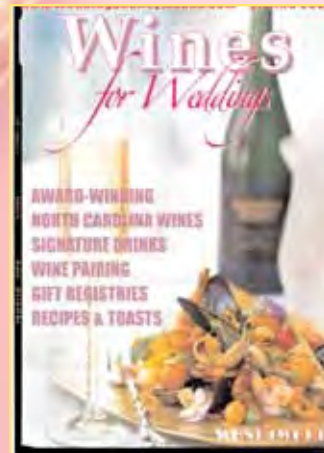
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