Finding the Dress for the Second Wedding

TASTEFUL OPTIONS FOR WHAT TO WEAR

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FIRST LOVE…SECOND LOVE…YOUNG LOVE…OLDER LOVE…PLANNING A MARRIAGE IS THRILLING. However, planning for the wedding can be stressful. Whether the wedding will be large and complex or small and simple, questions you can count on the bride asking herself are, "What should I wear?" " What should my mother wear?" "What should my grandmother wear?" That's where Debbie O'Hearn Personal Styling comes in! I enjoy helping members of the bridal party and family members select wedding attire to reflect their style and complement the wedding plans.

So who am I? When you meet me, you'll notice quickly that I love Fashion! In fact, I love everything that has to do with fashion! My passion for being a personal stylist started years ago when women contacted me asking for direction and suggestions about ways to update their personal style. I have enjoyed watching these dynamic and fearless leaders learn how important it is to look their best. Their self-confidence has soared. Over the years I have come to understand that it is not about how much you spend on your wardrobe, but rather how you put pieces together to create stunning outfits—looks that help your personality come alive. I style for business, pleasure, travel, TV appearances, professional photos, special events, rodeos, cocktail and holiday parties, date nights, and weddings!

While styling weddings, I am often asked to help mothers/grandmothers of the bride/groom find their wedding attire. Sometimes these important women in the bridal group do not have time or patience to look for their very own dresses because they are focused on the bride, wedding location, and party afterwards. Lately, a new kind of bride is asking for my guidance-- women who have decided to marry later on in life, or are preparing for their second marriage. With the excitement of this new chapter in their lives, these women are having a difficult time with decisions about what type of gown to wear--the classic white wedding gown? An off-white cream-colored dress? Long or short? Veil or no veil? Maybe a color such as out-of-the-box coral? What are the rules? Are there any rules?

These are good questions. The answers depend on several considerations—your theme, venue, time of year, time of day, as well as whether or not you lead towards a traditional or nontraditional event. Importantly, it also depends on your personal style! On the next page, you will find four different examples of updated, classic (yet fun!) dresses for your perfect wedding day. Take a look…and if you find you need some assistance in planning for your wedding, please reach out.

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[LEFT TOP] Vintage: I love this vintage dress with matching jacket from the 50s—it has enduring appeal! Does it remind you of a dress Audrey Hepburn would have worn? Love the shimmery gold and metallic threads—great neutral color! Add vintage earrings and pearl necklace, like Audrey!

[RIGHT TOP] Traditional Elegance: I love this elegant, taupe-colored lace dress! The deep V showcases the model's pearls–borrowed from her grandmother! This color choice is a beautiful option if you are looking for a more traditional look. Add a vintage fur shawl and the result is a stunning example of a non-white traditional look.

[BOTTOM LEFT] Spring-friendly: This dress—a standout in gun-metal with gold accents-- would be perfect for an evening wedding in early Spring --January-March time frame. The rabbit-fur adds warmth to this sleeveless, full-skirt, floor length dress.

[BOTTOM RIGHT] Out-of-the-box: Consider a pop of color. Lace adds elegance to this short dress; the bright coral color is perfect to wear in late Spring and Summer. Throw in a destination venue–like a beach–and you are set. No shoes required!