

# Wedding

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FASHION

CHARLIE BREAR'S 1940.2  
DRESS ACCESSORISED  
WITH OSKT.3 TIERED SKIRT

**Q** I'd love to create a different look for the evening part of my wedding, but I can't afford two dresses! Is there anything I can do to add some nighttime glamour to my look? *Liz, 29*

**Charlie:** It's so easy to transform your look with a few well-placed details - adding an addition is a key way to add texture and style to a simple dress and for less money than buying two wedding dresses. Why not go for my 1940.2 Slipper Satin dress, styled with

Oskt.3 tiered lace overskirt, then add a sash for a finishing touch? In the evening you'll be able to take off the skirt for elegant dance floor glamour.

Alternatively, my 1920.5 Oribe Lace Dress has a beautiful detachable lace back panel, which you can take out to show off more skin in the evening - it's a perfect mix of lace and 1920s vintage styling. It is so important to feel glam, elegant and special on your big day, so keep experimenting until you're happy.

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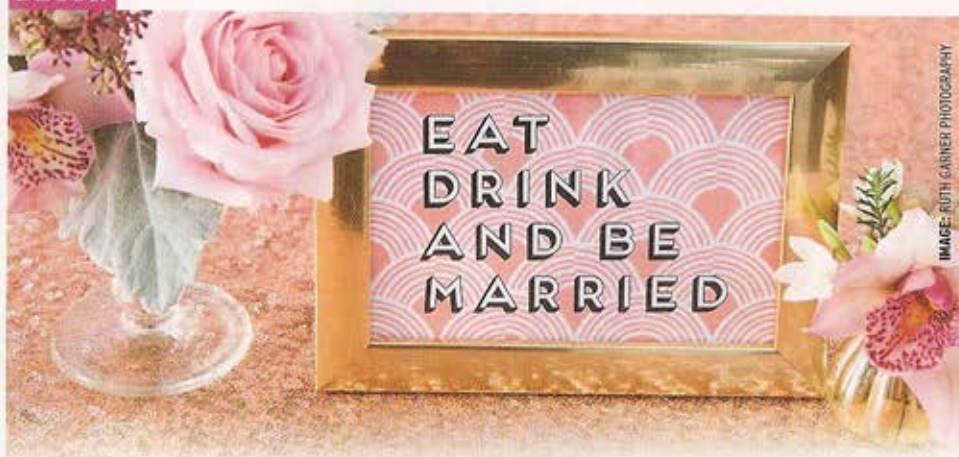


IMAGE: RUTH GARNER PHOTOGRAPHY

**Q** We're having a beautiful pink and glitter theme for our wedding, which we've incorporated into our stationery. I want to decorate our barn venue to reflect the theme, but I'm not sure what to do or where to start. Do you have any ideas? **Becki, 28**

**Kirsten:** I just happen to be a big fan of all things pink and sparkly as well - what a great theme! To really make the most of the look I'd suggest hiring some gorgeous sequined table linens and using them to create areas of interest within your venue.

Create signage to match your stationery for an

effortless way to tie the looks together, especially when paired with a gold frame and gorgeous fresh pink blooms, like above. You could also ask your caterer to create gilded desserts using edible glitter or gold leaf. Small touches like this throughout your day will make it so much more memorable and intimate.

## MAKE-UP

**Q** My good friend is a make-up artist and wants to do my wedding make-up. Great in theory, but she never listens to what I want! How can I break it to her that I'm planning to hire someone else? **Lucy, 32**

**Caroline:** The best way to approach this situation is to talk to your friend and try to be honest. Explain that you really want her to relax and enjoy your wedding day as a guest and not feel as though she has to work. Maybe ask



if she would mind holding on to your make-up on the day and assisting you with touch-ups when needed - that way she will still feel included, but you can hire someone else for the morning of the wedding.

HAVING CONFIDENCE IN YOUR MAKE UP ARTIST IS KEY

## FASHION

**Q** I'm only 5ft 2in and looking for my perfect dress, but I don't want to look ridiculous! What kind of style and neckline should I look for? **Gemma, 25**

**Tara:** Regardless of your shorter stature, there are a number of options to make you look and feel stunning. The key is to create a long line from top to toe. The best shape for this is a V-neck dress with straps, on either a column, modified A-line or very gradual fit-n-flare skirt. If you prefer a strapless gown, choose a sweetheart neckline instead of a straight one - any detail cutting across you, for example a large sash, will shorten your appearance. You can also lengthen your look with a dress featuring a vertical design or pleating.



JASMINE BRIDAL'S STYLISH T162004 DRESS WILL ELONGATE PETITE BRIDES

## EMOTIONAL

**Q** My aunt passed away from breast cancer earlier this year. We'd love to remember her on the day in some way, but we're not sure how. **Emma, 29**

**Nicole:** It's lovely that you want to remember your aunt on your big day and Cancer Research UK (CRUK) offers two ways to celebrate the life of a loved one. Choose from CRUK's selection of wedding favours - simply make a donation and each guest will receive a pin badge accompanied by a personalised card.

Alternatively, you can set up a Give in Celebration fundraising page and ask guests to donate instead of, or alongside, a traditional gift list. For more information, visit [sayido.org](http://sayido.org)



REMEMBER ABSENT LOVED ONES WITH A DONATION TO CHARITY

## BEAUTY

**Q** I've got a tattoo on my arm that I really regret. It will be visible when I wear my wedding dress - is there any make-up I can use that will cover it on the day? **Kerry, 30**

**Rachael:** You can use camouflage cream and powder to cover your tattoo and there are four main brands available - Veil, Covermark, DermaColor and Keromask, all of which can be ordered online. These are completely water and transference proof and will cover your tattoo a treat. The most important thing is to find a good skin colour match. I'd recommend an hour consultation with a camouflage practitioner, who will go through the products with you to determine the correct colour choice. The consultant will try to find one colour for a match but occasionally a mix of two colours is needed, or a base colour to remove the dark blue of the tattoo and a colour match on top. They will also show you application and removal techniques.

## FLOWERGIRLS

**Q** We're having three flowergirls at our wedding and I want them to look similar, but they're all different ages - the youngest being five and the oldest being 13! What should I do? *Annabel, 29*

**Charlotte:** This is a constant issue brides face, and the key is to not be too set on matchy-matchy styles. Not all dresses are going to suit every flowergirl, whatever their age, so keep an open mind. To keep things chic, stick to a certain colour palette, then choose a style for each girl within those shades. For younger flowergirls, large

department stores are a really good starting place - BHS, Debenhams and John Lewis all have super-cute pieces, perfect for little ones. I also adore Monsoon - they have a whole host of adorable dresses and accessories for flowergirls of all ages. Hit the shops with the girls and have a fun day shopping! If you're still struggling for inspiration, see this issue's cute flowergirl gallery on p153. Good luck!



THIS CUTE DRESS FROM BHS IS PERFECT FOR YOUNG FLOWERGIRLS

## GIFTS

**Q** My lovely bride-to-be has two brilliant daughters, aged 8 and ten. I'd like to give them each a gift on the wedding day, to show how happy I am to be part of their family. What do you suggest? *Jacob, 45*

**Valerie:** Go for truly personalised gifts by choosing something that both reflects their personality and their particular interests. Charm bracelets with a carefully selected mix of charms will be ideal for this and will make a beautiful keepsake. I'm sure the girls will love them! As well as presenting each of the children with a gift, another lovely way to include them in your day is to come up with a way to specifically thank them during your wedding ceremony



IMAGE: THINKSTOCK

or reception. A special mention or promise to the children as part of your wedding vows is a wonderful way to show them how much they mean to you and your bride.

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