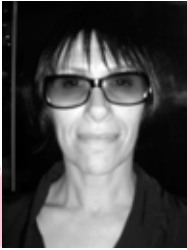


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Modern styling and elegant embellishment create a new-vintage vibe

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Luci's top tips for brides

Choose a gown that reflects you. Your personality, your shape, the wedding theme and venue all play a part in helping you find The One.

Don't over-do the accessories. Keep it simple, especially with an embellished design, and let the gown speak for itself. Carry a pretty clutch with just a few of your big-day must-haves inside (gloss, mini-fragrance, blotters).

Match the shade to your colouring. Pale skin looks great with cooler shades such as ivory or silvery-white while olive and darker skintones suit the warmer colours such as cream and gold.

Pick the right fabric. If you're getting married on a beach or at a tropical location, choose light, soft and flowing fabrics like georgette, chiffon or fine tulle.

Feel relaxed for your pictures. Treat yourself to a spa visit and a massage the week before the wedding. Wear stylish, comfortable shoes on the day – not too high – and try not to hold your flowers too stiffly in front of you. Focus on showing off the dress and your fabulous silhouette instead.

Share the love Wear your man's favourite perfume – and don't forget to tell him he looks great on the big day, too!

Back to the future

Luci DiBella's wedding designs blend the glamour of bygone eras with modern fashion

Since Australian designer Luci DiBella launched her bridal label in 1996, brides around the world have been flocking to buy her elegant designs. "I've always been inspired by three golden eras: the innovative Twenties; the elegant Thirties; and the glam Forties," she says. "My designs are for confident, modern brides with an eye for fashion and a love of sophisticated style."

As well as designing accessories, vintage headpieces, veils and her new lingerie line, Luci DiBella is introducing two new ranges in 2010. Inspired by Fifties-style gowns, the Haute Couture Collection combines vintage lace with stunning silhouettes for brides looking for exclusive luxury. Then there's the beautiful ready-to-wear Lily Collection by Luci DiBella – a feminine, romantic range for brides who know what they want and want it now.

Luci's mission is to celebrate and flatter her brides' feminine curves with fluid fabrics and embellished trims. "Being a bridal designer is incredibly artistic yet challenging," she reveals. "I love working one-to-one with my clients. Every day there's a new bride with a new story. I find that very inspiring."

Luci's best bridal buys



"Make lips kissable with a good lippgloss." MAC Plushglass, £14.50



"The freshness of Viktor & Rolf's Flowerbomb is ideal for a spring/summer wedding." £45 for 30ml



"Big-day glamour starts with beautiful underwear." Rose du jour bra, £18, brief, £9.50, by Collette Dinnigan for M&S.



"Carry flowers that make you feel romantic. I love arum lilies."



"Try calming yoga if wedding planning is taking its toll." Adidas by Stella McCartney yoga mat, £35, net-a-porter.com