



# Hair To Stay

**Fixing your locks the right way is half the job done when it comes to dressing for marriage. By Neha Ved**

**I**t's your special day and you definitely want to look drop dead gorgeous. You've selected a stunning designer *shaadi ka joda* and have picked an eye blinding jewellery set. Virtually things seem in place for the big day, but there's a dilemma in your mind. What kind of a look should you have for your wedding? Well there is an array of hairstyles to choose from, but it's not so simple. So step in a hairstylist and make-up artist who can set things up. After all, fixing your locks the right way is half the job

done when it come to dressing up for your marriage.

"Bridal make-up and hair needs to be customised to suit the bride. One needs to keep in mind the complexion and time of the day before setting to work," says Seema V Jherajani, India's highest qualified hairstylist. Every bride has her individual characteristics. Depending on her face structure and skin tone, the make-up and hair do needs to be planned. Also, the look is highly dependant on the time of the day and function you are

dressing up for. In a typical Hindu marriage the sacred fire gains a prominent place in most ceremonies. So it is best to have a hairstyle that stays away from the face and keeps the hands free for the rituals and make-up that doesn't drip.

From traditional to contemporary hair styling and make up, the look can be simple and natural, traditional or glamorous taking into consideration the harmony of colour in the clothing, eyes, skin, hair, individuality of features and the bride's personality. It's important to

## Set Well

- ❖ Use a finishing spray rather than a hairspray. They are lighter and give you hair a natural look.
- ❖ Keep the make-up natural and use light shades.
- ❖ Colours like auburn with ash or gold highlights enhance the hair style.

get the shades right, both for hair colour and make-up. Here are two looks created by Seema that are sure to keep his eyes rested only on you.

## THE RETRO LOOK

The retro look is quite much like Sharmila Tagore in the old Bollywood



films, only it's a modernised version. A good roller set is important for this look as the whole style is based on rolls of hair. To start with, section out the hair and set the tresses with the help of rollers. Keeping in mind the direction in which you want the hair to flow, roll the locks accordingly. Use medium to large rollers for the crown. Part the front hair and flatten it. Decide on the height of the hair-do and accordingly create a bouffant in the crown area. In case you have a long face, keep the bouffant short and tight. Expanding it in height and width will add to the length of your face. Small sections of hair near the nape of the neck should be lightly curled. Smoothen the hair do with a finishing spray. Model

Teejay Siddhu opted for a similar look for her wedding to television actor Manoj Bohra. Since her natural hair was good, it was possible to create the style for her without any hair attachments. However, if you don't have hair that is voluminous enough for the style, then additional attachments are possible.

If you want to experiment with colours in this look, Seema recommends red-violets or auburn with ash or gold highlights as they enhance the style. "Keep the make-up natural and classy, like for Teejay I used pink, pearl white and gold and blended them with black and brown to give her eyes a soft look," imparts Seema.

## THE CLASSIC UP DO

This look is sophisticated and yet makes a strong style statement for the evening. It's



formal and at the same time very dignified and stylish. Since evening ensembles are use usually white or light pastels shades, the classic up style looks best when adorned with a white and gold flower or a similar ornate.

Add volume to your hair by rolling them. This will also add a few curls to your hair ends. Start with a roller set. Next, tie the hair together, like a ponytail. Now section out the ponytail and backcomb it at the base. Twirl each section around your finger to create a barrel curl, arrange and then pin it about an inch or two away from base of the pony. Smoothen with a finishing spray to hold the hair and end by attaching the flower. Fine hair at the nape may need to be lightly curled. Keep the make-up natural and use light shades.

"Finishing sprays are lighter than hairsprays and give it a natural look," says Seema. Agreed you are dressing up for your wedding, but the end result is to look naturally beautiful. Hence, you need to use products that will fix up the look without any artificiality. Avoid any product that makes your hair appear stiff. Dress right. Fix your hair well and you are all set for your evening of grandeur. **btw**

On his wedding day in Vietnam, as the groom heads to collect his bride, he picks up friends and family along his way. They arrive at his future wife's house bearing wedding presents

After the newlyweds have exchanged their wedding vows, crumbs from two decorated sugar cones are shaved over their heads for good luck

