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to begin...

Detail counts...

Your shoes, veil and accessories give your wedding day outfit the final finishing touch. By this stage you'll already have your dress - and probably your jewellery and tiara. All that is needed is a perfect pair of ivory pumps to peep out from under your dress, a shrug or wrap to keep out the chill, a garter with a little ribbon as your 'something blue' and a veil. These little details will transform you into the real bride. And WeddingPath is here to make sure you find the right accessories to complement your look. You'll find **great style advice**, **professional tips** and a **handy checklist** to print out and add to your wedding planning file. You'll also be able to click on links to some of the **articles** on shoes, veils and accessories on WeddingPath as well as **related forum posts** at [WeddingTalk](#).

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shopping notes

THE shoes

Finding the perfect shoes for your wedding day is crucial for two big reasons: you need to feel **comfortable** as you'll be on your feet all day and you need to look **stunning**. If you want shoes that can be worn after the wedding day, look for metallics or styles with sparkly detail. Otherwise, if you are opting for an ivory satin or silk shoe, look into getting it dyed afterwards. Or, you might just want to put your shoes in your wedding day keepsake box to look back on and sigh!

- There's only one way of knowing whether shoes are comfy and that is to try them on.
- Remember, even the most comfortable shoes need wearing in. So plan some 'at home' time when you wear your wedding shoes around the house. Above all, you want to avoid blisters and sore feet for the honeymoon.
- To look stunning, your shoes need to complement your dress, your height and the style of your wedding.
- If you are wearing a dress with lots of embroidery and detailing, a plainer shoe works best.
- If your dress just has a small amount of beading, it is nice to find a shoe that has something similar whether it's a touch of crystal, diamante or pearl.
- Choosing the heel height of your shoe, it is best to go for a heel that you are accustomed to walking in.
- If you are a similar height to your partner, you might want to wear low heels to avoid towering over him.
- Finally, you should pick a shoe that reflects the style of your wedding whether it is classic, simple, dramatic or ultra-contemporary - your wedding day shoes are the ultimate finishing touch.

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Your veil

Lots of brides think that they are not going to wear a veil until they try one on and realise that all of a sudden they look like a bride. It is a reach-for-your-hanky moment and once you've felt that gooey sensation, the next thing to decide is which veil. There's a huge selection from veils that sweep down to the floor, edged with rich lace and embroidery, to short and chic blusher veils (go to page four for more veil types) that can be easily pushed back over your head during the ceremony.

What other accessories should I wear?

● A **shrug, wrap** or little lacy **jacket** is useful to keep away the goose bumps and also as a cover up for the ceremony if you are wearing a strapless or relatively revealing dress. And when you take your 'cover-up' off, it gives your dress a whole new look for the reception. For winter weddings, you might like to consider faux fur or an organza opera coat.

● If you want to keep with tradition, a wedding **garter** with a blue ribbon is the perfect way to have your 'something blue'. It also makes a great keepsake after the day.

● **Hair accessories** are a fabulous alternative to wearing a tiara. Sparkly hair combs, clips or grips can look stunning. Or ask your florist and hair stylist about wearing fresh flowers in your hair.

● Although you'll be leaving your handbag at home, a **pretty bag** makes a gorgeous accessory and is the perfect place to keep your make up and SOS kit - even if you end up giving it to the bridesmaids to hold!

Made just for you...

For the personal touch, why not choose hand made bridal accessories. A bespoke service is often available, especially with some of the smaller boutiques, or why not try your hand at making your own. Go to page 5 for details on making your own veil! Alternatively, find a talented friend or relative with a sewing machine.

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'Show us your...' accessories

Share photos of accessories you have bought or are planning to buy using the amazing PhotoShare feature on WeddingPath. Simply set up a PhotoShare page on your WeddingPath website, then e-mail the password to your friends so that they can give their opinion on your purchases without going shopping with you.

Start searching

Our [vendor directory](#) is the perfect place to start searching for your wedding shoes and accessories. Locate your nearest supplier on a map and be directly linked to their website at the click of a mouse.

Read more...

- [Silver sparkle](#)
- [Sparkling bride](#)
- [Veiled beauty](#)
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● summer weddings

strappy sandals are a great choice with jewel details, or go for glamorous metallics for an evening reception.

● winter weddings

white wedding boots are stylish and practical. Satin knee highs are perfect for modern brides while Victorian lace-up styles are fab for a more traditional look.

● **top tip** keep a pair of comfy pumps in a bag so that you can change into them while no one is looking at your feet!



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shoe finder

- court shoe
 - Best for: Weddings during the cold and wet seasons
 - Style: Traditional
 - Tip: Great simple design to complement an ornate dress
- sling backs
 - Best for: Brides wanting an elegant alternative to the court shoe
 - Style: Contemporary
 - Tip: Check the strap at the back is comfy and stays in place
- pump
 - Best for: Taller brides
 - Style: Modern
 - Tip: Pick pumps with a slight heel for added comfort
- wedges
 - Best for: Fashion conscious brides
 - Style: On trend
 - Tip: Choose elegant wedge shapes to avoid looking clumpy under your dress
- sandal
 - Best for: Summer weddings or weddings abroad
 - Style: Informal
 - Tip: Pick a heel height that you are comfortable walking in
- mules
 - Best for: Casual summer weddings or a beach wedding abroad
 - Style: Casual
 - Tip: Go for a diamante and crystal encrusted style for maximum impact
- shoe dyeing
 - Best for: Brides wearing a coloured dress
 - Style: satin or silk shoes
 - Tip: Find out if dyeing is included with the price
- Buy your dress before choosing your wedding shoes!

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veil types

Blusher

Shortest of all the veil types, it is fixed on top of your head and is worn over your face.

Length: 20in.

Best for: simple, modern dresses.

Shoulder-length

Just as the name says, it falls to your shoulders but is otherwise similar to the blusher veil.

Length: 30in.

Best for: simple, sheath-style dresses.

Elbow

Simple veil that hangs to elbow length, sometimes as a fountain style with multiple layers.

Length: 54in.

Best for: contemporary or full-skirted dresses.

Fingertip

Classic length veil falling to the finger tips, often trimmed with lace or satin.

Length: 72in.

Best for: taller brides.

Waltz

Calf-length veil that is also called a ballet or princess length.

Length: 108in.

Best for: rounder body shapes.

Chapel

Traditional length veil, just skimming the floor, often worn at the back of the head with a blusher.

Length: 126in. depending on bride's height.

Best for: ballgown style dresses.

Cathedral

Longest and most formal type of veil that falls as a train behind.

Length: 144in.

Best for: grand, ornate gowns.

DIY Veil

Click on the [link](#) How to Make a Wedding Veil to find out how to make your own veil. It is easier than you think!

Old tradition

Accessories are a great way of bringing tradition into your wedding day:

Something old, something new

Something borrowed, something blue

And a silver sixpence in her shoe

What does it mean?

Something old - family and old life

Something new - success&good fortune

Something borrowed - good luck&continuity

Something blue - purity

Sixpence - wealth&prosperity

more

[WeddingTalk](#) forums are a great source of advice and support - WeddingPathers are fantastic at helping each other! And the WeddingPath team is here to help you too. If you have any feedback on this fact sheet or would like to make a suggestion, please send us an [e-mail](#) - we'd love to hear from you.

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