

Wedding Preparations

With all of the information that Bridal magazines, TV shows, vendors, and relatives have to offer, it is no wonder that a Bride may feel stressed, confused or downright anxious when choosing a stylist or makeup artist. Come on guys, it's hard enough to find the perfect dress! With all of the "Do's" and "Don'ts" of wedding planning preparations you can only imagine how scary it could seem to the "bride-to-be" to trust in a stylist. Follow some of these tips and tricks and find yourself stress free on your wedding day!

DO hire a **PROFESSIONAL**. Be sure to check credentials, resume and be sure to ask for references and images.

DO ask if the vendor's services are offered on location. That means they travel to you on your special day.

DON'T ever book a stylist or makeup artist without a consultation or trial.

DO inquire about proper skin care and "before" wedding day preparations.

DON'T assume that your artist or stylist is available and that your wedding date is secure! Make sure you have a signed and dated contract that spells out the terms. Some companies require deposits to secure your date.

DO schedule a facial two weeks prior to the wedding day. A waxing may be scheduled up to a week before.

DON'T test out that fake tanning product the day before the wedding! Be sure to do a patch test at least a month before in case of an allergic response and a full application may be tested up to two weeks before. Be sure to exfoliate well prior to application and watch for trouble spots such as the knees and elbows.

DO inquire about the products that your makeup artist will be using. Be sure to ask about how they photograph, wear on the skin and do be sure to provide your artist with pictures and suggestions so that he/she may serve you better.

DO always provide your hair stylist with images during a consultation or trial. Please let them know about any allergies or sensitivities to styling products.

DO come into a trial with hair washed the night before. Feel free to style hair as usual prior to the trial.

DON'T hesitate to ask your stylist or makeup artist questions. They are here to help you and trust me – we have heard everything! Don't be shy in asking for changes, recommendations or to voice if you are dissatisfied or uncomfortable in what you are wearing. IT'S **YOUR** WEDDING DAY and your stylist is there to help you achieve your dream look.

DO inquire about travel fees and other costs associated with on-location services, especially if you are planning a destination wedding.

DON'T arrive to a trial with colorful tops. Stick to solid colors. White or Ivory works best so that you can visualize as to what you will look like the day of.

For questions regarding services or additional pre-wedding day advice, email Danielle at Danielle@facedesigns.net