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You've seen engagement after engagement announced during the past few months. Perhaps one of them was your own—and in that case, you've already started to make big plans for the wedding.

When you hear the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March and start down the aisle, be your own dream of yourself—calm, lovely, and fragrant. Regardless of the type of wedding you choose, or what you wear as a bride, your personal beauty should be such that it imprints upon the groom's heart a picture never to be erased. Above all else, make it something to remember.

Whether you want the ceremony formal or informal depends on what is best for your own special circumstances.

For a wedding that is to be formal to the last detail, choose a dress of satin, brocade or tulle in white or a delicate tint of pink or blue. With a full-length veil extending past the dress train, wear long gloves, matching shoes, and carry a bouquet or prayer book or both if you choose. Flowers on the church pews add that extra touch that shows a well-planned wedding.

Louise Stubbs, child development senior, has planned a formal ceremony for her August wedding. She wants a large group of her friends as attendants. More attendants may be used since the affair is to be formal.

For a semi-formal wedding, have your dress a floor-length gown with a short sweep and shoulder length veil. Janet Fowler, child development senior, has decided on the semi-formal wedding because she wants to be married in a small church with a moderate number of guests. She plans to wear a white satin gown with a short train. The bridegroom and his attendant will wear business suits.

A street-length dress or suit of faille, taffeta, sheer wool or jersey is best for the informal wedding. Attendants—they are appropriate for this type of wedding, too—could wear dresses of the same pattern in different colors. A matching headdress or hat minus the veil, conservative jewelry and a corsage or bouquet complete the outfit.

Nancy McFadden, a textile and clothing junior, will wear a street-length dress or a classical suit for her informal wedding in September. She chose to use the money that would be involved in a formal wedding for furniture and equipment for her home.

The wedding dress or gown must have a pretty bride to go with it. Plan your beauty as you have your trousseau. You'll look wonderfully in love with an underglow that comes from consistent, everyday care. A few hours additional rest will keep any strained lines out of your face.

Then take a tepid bath and take it leisurely. If this doesn't help soothe your nervousness, it will, at least, keep you busy for another half an hour. After you are dressed, perfect your make-up with lipstick of a light blush rose.

At last you are ready to walk serenely down the aisle on your father's arm—serene because your careful planning and preparations are making a smooth, unforgettable wedding. Take three deep breaths just before you start—to keep your knees from wobbling, and then forget yourself.

You may be sure that your guests will say they never saw a lovelier bride!