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CHOOSING your wedding dress will be one of the
most thrilling experiences in your life and you, as a
sentimental but practical modern bride, will be able
to make this choice a wise one.

The first really modern bride was Martha Wash-
ington's granddaughter, Nellie Curtis. She introduced
the simple white gown and bridal veil in America. The
romantic story behind this introduction is that one
day her fiancé saw her standing in front of a window
with the lace curtains blowing about her. He re-
marked that she had never looked more beautiful.
Treasuring that moment, Miss Curtis pinned a float-
ing lace shawl to her hair and wore a simple white
dress for the wedding ceremony.

Sentiment

You are sentimental about weddings, even as a
modern bride. Just as your grandmother did, you will
be following the "something borrowed, something
blue" tradition. The modern bride may want her wed-
ing dress to serve her after the ceremony is over, so
in your wedding plans you may choose a wedding dress
which can be easily converted into a dinner dress or
a formal dress for evening wear. An example of a wed-
ing dress which will be a proud addition to your
future wardrobe is one which combines a strapless
formal with a lace jacket or redingote. After the wed-
ing, the formal may be used for evenings of dancing
and the redingote as a dressy negligee.

You, as today's bride, will have a wide choice in the
color of your dress. You may choose the color most
becoming to you from a wide array, varying from
many different whites to soft pastels. Cream white,
oyster white, eggshell white and ice white which has
a greenish tinge, are examples of the modern varia-
tions of the traditional white. Your own coloring and
taste may influence your choosing a lovely pastel dress.

The material of your dress is another important
choice, and you have many to choose from. Satin is
widely used now as it was in your grandmother's time.
Chiffon, lace, taffeta and velvet are also good fabric
choices depending on the style of your dress, the type
of wedding you want and the season of the year.

The only rule for the neckline is that it should
never be lower than the shoulder line in the back
and no lower in front than is indicated by good taste. You
will choose the style of neckline most suited to your
physical characteristics.

Accessories are another way to express your own in-
dividuality. The bridal slippers should exactly match
the color of your gown, but you will have a choice of
many styles and fabrics.

Jewelry

A simple piece of jewelry, perhaps a gift of the
groom, will add to your dress. The bride's happy face
is the center of attention and elaborate jewelry should
not detract from it.

The fabric of your veil should blend in with the
fabric of your dress, but you will have a wide choice
as to the length you prefer. Selections range from the
short finger tip length to a length 6 inches beyond your
train. The train, for formal weddings, may be short
or long, depending upon your own preferences and
the size of the aisle.

You, as a modern bride, will be able to make your
wedding dress a reflection of you through wise choices
of color, material, style and accessories. In this care-
fully chosen dress, you will know that you have never
been more beautiful and will long cherish the memory
of your wedding and your wedding dress.