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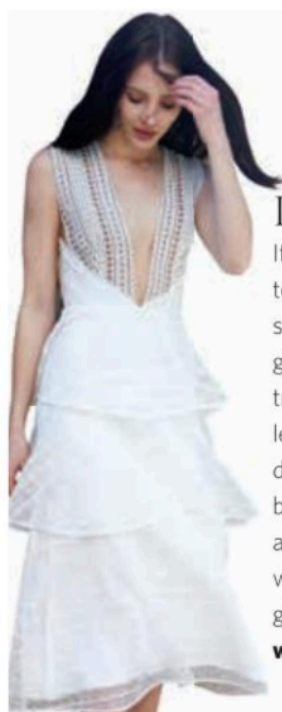
The best way to create a memorable wedding day? To make every detail your very own. **By Karen Chiang**



PUMPED UP KICKS

Let's be honest, Hong Kong was not made for heels. Ditch the stilettos on your wedding day and give Ked's new bridal collection a go. Equally sparkly but infinitely more comfy - your feet will thank you after a long day (and night) of celebrating.

www.facebook.com/KedsHK.



IT'S TEA TIME

If you haven't said "Yes!" to a dress yet, consider skipping the usual ball gown altogether. Instead, try a trendy mid-calf tea-length gown from local designer Sau Lee. These beautiful lace numbers and deep-V necklines will add some vintage glam to your look.

www.sau-lee.com.

HOW FASCINATING...

Instead of shying behind a veil, why not try something a bit funkier? Irish milliner NOELEN handcrafts all styles of hats and headpieces in her Hong Kong studio. From custom made headpieces to chic beret-style bridal hats, every piece is as individual as the bride herself.

www.noelenmillinery.com.



CHOP, CHOP

Adding a personal touch to your wedding stationery takes a split second with a custom chop. Apart from visiting Man Wa Lane in Sheung Wan for more traditional Chinese stone stamps, you can also order bespoke rubber stamps from local crafters like Twinkle.Studio.

Find them on Instagram @sandyma17.



FLOWER POWER

Get your squad together for a healthy hen do that doesn't revolve around alcohol (though bubbly's an option!). With a bouquet-making party at van der Bloom, you'll be able to de-stress and spend valuable time with your best gals while learning the meditative art of flower arrangement. You can even make you own bridal bouquets or flower crowns!

www.vanderbloom.com.hk.

Winter Cool

A chill in the air is the perfect excuse to layer on a few sparkling accessories. We've rounded up some go-to winter bridal essentials with the help of Vien Lee, chief designer at bridal atelier Belier Design.

By **Karen Chiang**



Photo: Belier Design

BELTS

You don't need to get married for this life advice: A skinny belt can be your best friend!

WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: "A rhinestone crystal belt or a narrow black belt is a great addition. The narrow belt helps to accentuate your waistline and slim your figure. This accessory goes best with gowns that have a natural waistline."

HEADPIECES

Nothing says it's your big day like a tiara. But if you're trying to capture your inner Kate Middleton, try a handmade wreath headpiece or a fascinator to channel that wintery vibe.

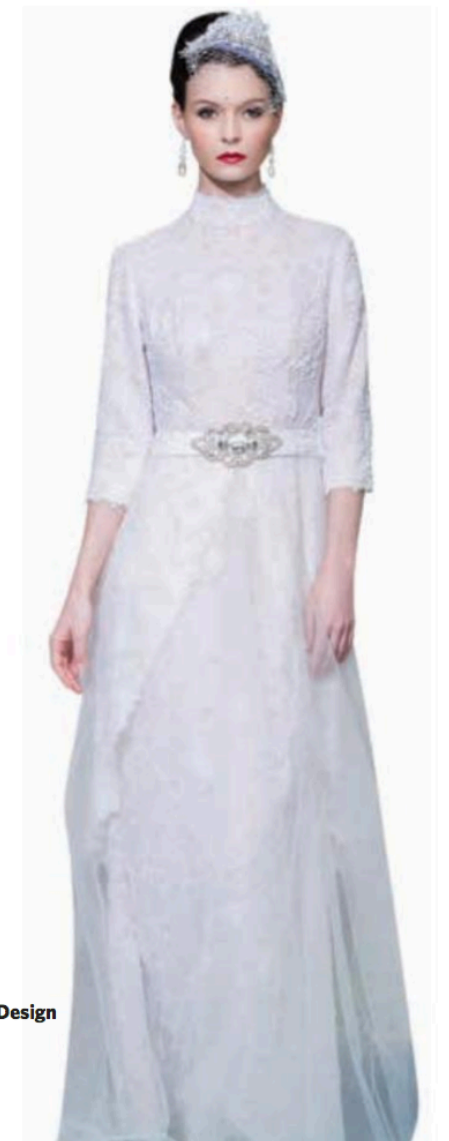
WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: "A bridal headpiece or a tiara can truly be a stunner. A simple crown matched with a long veil is a timeless combination. Both crowns and headpieces go with nearly every dress silhouette."

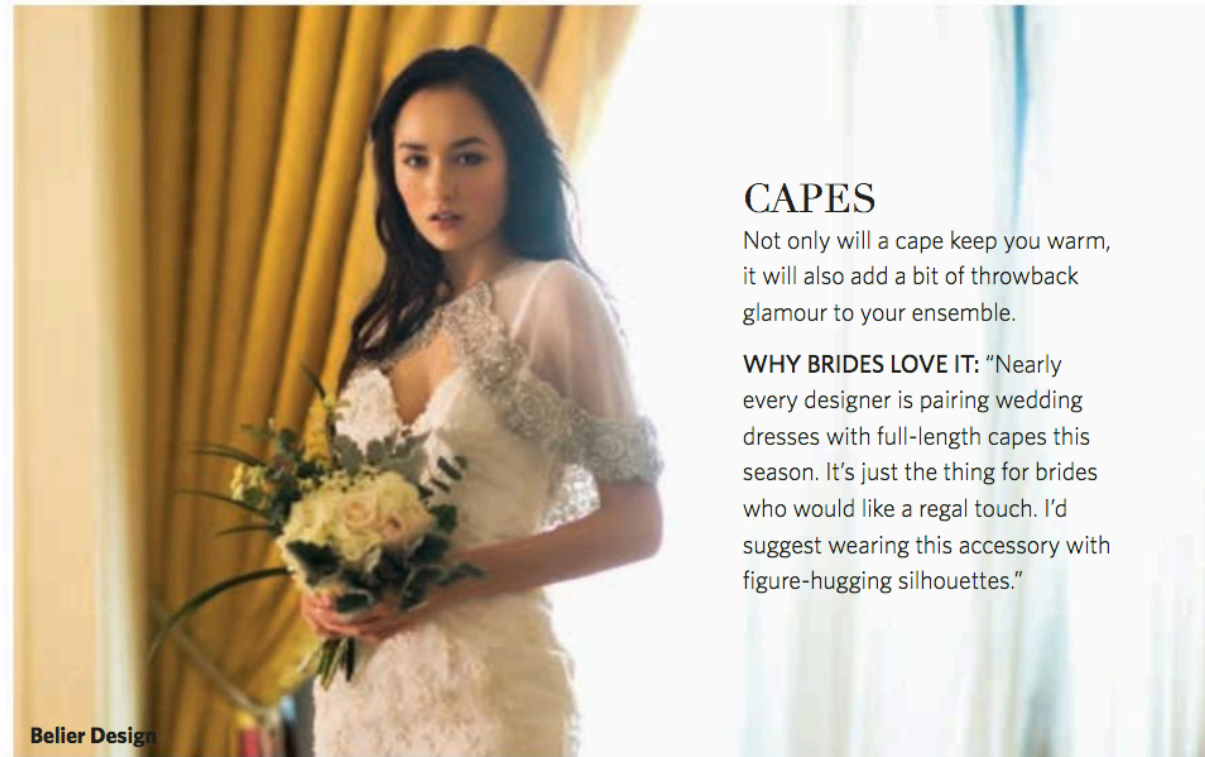
Photo: Belier Design

DROP EARRINGS

Statement earrings are a must-have this season, especially if you're planning to wear a minimalist gown. Thankfully, drop earrings can go with any neckline or silhouette.

WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: "Whether you're wearing diamonds or pearls, bridal earrings can be as central to your wedding day style as your veil or headpiece. I suggest wearing them with an up-do to best show them off."





CAPES

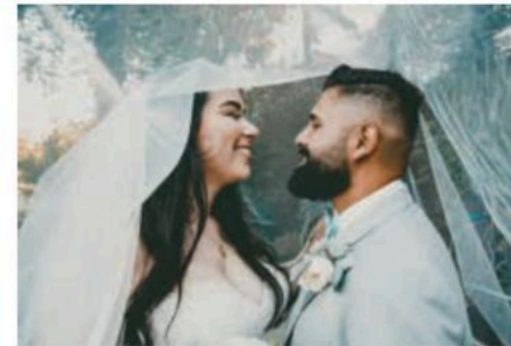
Not only will a cape keep you warm, it will also add a bit of throwback glamour to your ensemble.

WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: "Nearly every designer is pairing wedding dresses with full-length capes this season. It's just the thing for brides who would like a regal touch. I'd suggest wearing this accessory with figure-hugging silhouettes."

VEILS

Don't be fooled into thinking every veil is 10 feet long. These delicate accessories are surprisingly versatile, available in a variety of lengths and styles to create a look that's as contemporary or traditional as you like.

WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: Nothing is more classic and timeless than a bride wearing a veil. "Whether it is a short finger veil or floor-length number, this traditional headpiece is usually the finishing touch. It can be one of the most defining aspects of your bridal look."



GLOVES

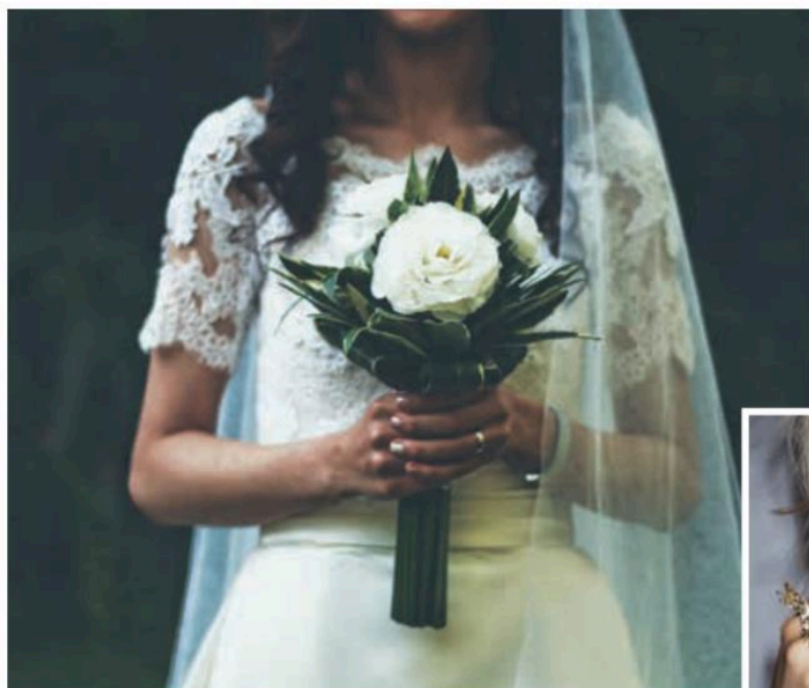
Be it lace or satin, a pair of clean white gloves looks instantly classic - and totally in-season.

WHY BRIDES LOVE IT: "Both wrist and elbow-length gloves are trending this winter season. Match a pair of long satin gloves with an all-over beaded gown to create a vintage retro look, or pick a pair of lace gloves to wear with a modern wedding dress to exude an avant-garde appearance. This accessory goes well with almost every type of gown."

Belier Design, Room 1502, 15/F, CS Tower, 50 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan, 2869-9030, www.belierdesign.com.

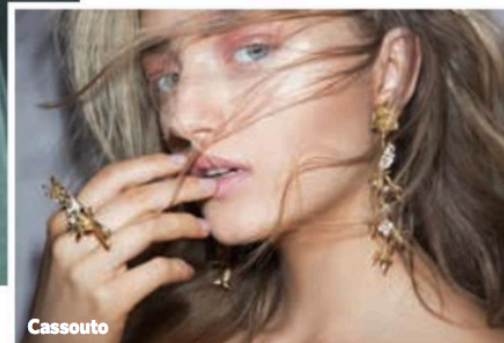
Mood Board

What's trending this winter.



TWO-PIECE DRESSES

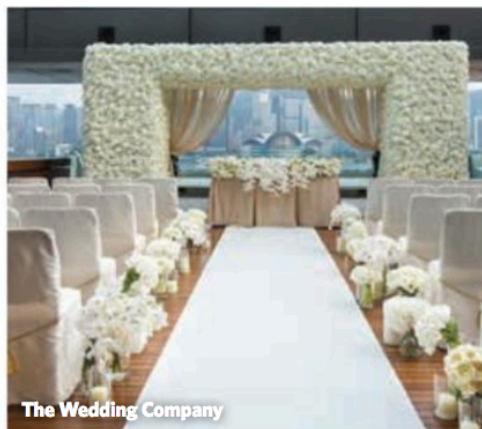
Two-piece wedding gowns aren't just flattering and fresh, but they're also perfect for the chilly winter season. If you're throwing a snow-kissed celebration abroad, consider pairing a fitted cashmere top with a classic round skirt.



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WINTER WHITES

If the movie *Frozen* taught us anything, it's that winter can be absolutely ethereal. Even without snow, you can still get the look by decking out the venue in soft shades of white. When the palette's kept simple you can go wild with contrasting textures - think white roses, marble, crystals, wood, and more.



The Wedding Company

Seasons By Olivier E.



SEASONAL COCKTAILS

Put down that aperol spritz! This season is all about warming welcome cocktails that channel that winter wonderland - think cinnamon-imbued ciders, negronis, and pomegranate martinis.

STATEMENT EARRINGS

When done right, statement earrings can add a serious dose of glamour to your bridal look. And to be really on trend, consider a retro choker to match.

EYE-POPPING COLOURS

Your makeup says just as much about your style as the dress, which is why bold brides are embracing surprising eyeshadow shades. A shock of blue, mint, or a bit of gold leaf can change the look completely.



GO GREEN

It's cool to be eco-friendly - and not that difficult either. One of the easiest ways to reduce waste at an event is to avoid disposable straws. Instead, opt for stainless steel or glass straws which can double as a wedding favour! We love these from The Pineapple Company, which are \$170 per set from Lane Crawford Home.



PARTY PORTRAITS

Creative couples will love this photobooth alternative. Instead of stocking up on Polaroid film, hire a Hong Kong illustrator - like Kitty Wong (@kittynwong) - to sketch portraits of your guests and perhaps even capture your ceremony. Now that's a personal touch!



The Silver Lining Wedding Journal

EMERALD ELEMENTS

Timeless and regal, it's no surprise this stylish shade is popping up everywhere this year, from bouquets to bridesmaid dresses. You can easily incorporate emerald into your big day, whether it's a tiny pop of colour in the centrepieces or as a major player in your wedding palette.

What's on

Dates for your wedding journal

DEC 15-17

89th Hong Kong Wedding Fair

The quarterly Hong Kong Wedding Fair returns to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre this December, bringing with it a slew of vendors and exhibitions across three days. It's a comprehensive affair with eight themed zones, including destination weddings and honeymoons, celebrants, dress trends, bridal skin care and makeup, cakes, jewellery, florists, planners, and more.

\$20 admission, noon-8pm. Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hall 1, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, 2766-3002, wedding-show.com.hk.

JAN 6-7

25th Hong Kong Wedding Showcase

Get your gown, venue decorator, photographer and everyone else sorted all in one go at this large-scale expo at the HKCEC, the first of several that run throughout the year.

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, 2367-8385, wedding.expo.com.hk.

THROUGH JAN 31

Ballet de Saveurs à la Française Afternoon Tea Set

The Lobby Lounge at Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel has teamed up with Parisian jewellery brand Les Néréides to create a romantic afternoon tea set. Through January, couples can enjoy an indulgent afternoon of dainty bites - think rose petal madeleines, Earl Grey macarons, and a hazelnut mousse in a chocolate basket - accompanied by whimsical Les Néréides-inspired details. Best part: tea comes with a \$100 cash voucher to spend on Les Néréides accessories in Hong Kong.

From \$468 for two, 3-5pm daily. Lobby Level, Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2113-3919, www.marcopolohotels.com.