

Top 10 Hottest Hairstyles for 2013 - The Wedding Hair you NEED to Trial!

One of our favourite things to browse on Pinterest is photos of gorgeous wedding hair styles. Wedding hair trends come under the influence of many things - what's on the catwalks, on the red carpet, in movies, and the bride's own personal style. We've gathered together ten of the best hair styles we're seeing trending in 2013, and let you know if it's perfect for you, or best avoided.



1. The Top Knot: We've loved the top knot

Of course the top knot has gone mainstream now and strolling around the streets Dublin you may spot it more times than you'd like, but there's something very elegant and very bridal about this 'do. It's quite a severe do compared to the more popular, softer bridal styles, but it really makes an impact!

We recommend if... You're wearing a high neck wedding dress, or a dress with intricate detailing on the back.

Don't try this if... You don't like your side

2. The Youthful Braid

The forgotten braid has all but taken over bridal hair styles in the past few months, and understandably. Pretty and playful plaits remind us of youth and of freedom and bring a softness and carefree feeling to

The full plait is *probably* one to be kept for the younger bride, however if you want to add some pretty, boho style plaits to your do while keeping it grown up and elegant, intertwine them in an updo.

We recommend this if... You are a flower child.

Don't try this if... You look under the age of 23 (darn it!).





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3. The Softly Swept Side 'do

Probably the most popular look for Irish brides, the soft side 'do is all things we need it to be - easy to wear, pretty, feminine, elegant and can take the weight of an almighty veil. We particularly love the finger brushed curls in this one, which look neat and tidy while still being quite sexy and loose.

We recommend this if... You think your hair isn't nice up, but are feeling curious.

Don't try this if... You only want to wear your hair up because you think all brides should.

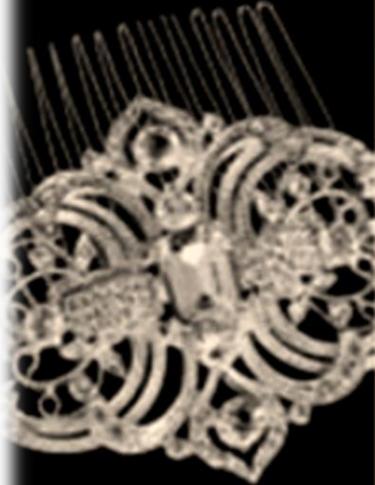


4. The Pretty Rocker's Pink: It may have been the red carpet, but everyone was thinking pink when **Helen Mirren** rocked up with her punchy 'do. We love the blush look in weddings this year too, and this is just the coolest way to introduce it. Obviously we won't be running out to the hair colourist or the local pharmacy the night before the big day (flash back to myself and my mate Jenny bleaching the ends of our hair in my parent's bathroom when we were about 14 - ouch) but what we are saying is that if your hair is not a conventional colour, you can still rock it bridal style. (This style is also perfect for other hair colours by the way!)

We recommend this if... You are happy with pink hair.

Don't try this if... You've never had pink hair.

5. The Vintage 50's



The vintage wave has become massively popular with stars on the red carpet (the hair and make-up guys on *Mad Men* and *Boardwalk Empire* must be cleaning up on overtime!) and is about to boom in bridal. We love this look - it's sexy, playful, stylish and always elegant. The wave is great no matter what length hair you have and turns the 'glamour' notch all the way up to eleven. Pair with a flick of liner and some shockingly red lips and you're ready to roll. **We recommend this if...** You want to feel a million dollars even as you sweat it out on the dance floor. **Don't try this if...**



6. The No Fuss Bun: We say 'no fuss' but as most wedding hair stylists know, these styles take a lot more to master than you'd imagine! This elegant, soft updo provides just the right amount of framing and is great if you would like to avoid adding tongs, straighteners or curling irons to your well-nourished hair! The best thing about this style is it can be worn with a veil or headpiece, and can be easily fixed for the afters if you want to take your veil out. This style does well with highlighted hair or hair with lots of colour, which will give it dimension and volume. **We recommend if...** You want a casual 'I always look this incredible' hair style. **Don't try this if...** You're going for out and out glamour on your big day.



7. The Ombre Bride's Hairstyle

A HUGELY popular colour trend for ladies last year, the ombre look is not showing signs of letting up (well, I don't plan changing mine any time soon!). Embrace the ombre on your big day by wearing your hair down, with beach style waves to give it extra depth. The cute braid, pinning the front back in this 'do is a nice touch, and adds a more boho feel to the overall look.

We recommend this if... You're stylin' the dip dye look at the moment. **Don't try this if...** You've regretted trends in the past. Although it pains me to say, the ombre *may* end up being the perm of the 2000s.

8. The Short n' Sweet

It can be very difficult to find images for short haired brides-to-be to model their look on (if that's you, check out our post on real brides with [short wedding hair styles](#) in our beauty section) but this one caught our eye. Perfect for those with a short or graduated bob, this style provides great movement to the hair, with a sexy side fringe adding a beautifully soft frame.

We recommend this if... You are tired of people asking you if you're going to wear extensions.

Don't try this if... You've never had a fringe cut.



9. The Chignon Bouffant

A princess style if ever we did see one, this chignon is a glamorous statement perfect for an elegant wedding look. A little bit 'high society', this look goes well with ballgowns and adds lots of volume to hair. The magic in this style lies beneath the hair which is puffed up with the help of structure hair pieces expertly placed by your [wedding hair stylist](#).

We recommend this if... You're wanted to ooze confidence and glamour on the big day, and have an amazingly sparkly hair slide to show off.

Don't try this if... You're afraid of volume.



10. Retro Short

This super sweet and stylish do is a great option for brides with short hair who want to do something special for their big day. We're imagining this with a fabulous tea length gown with a great big skirt, and the most amazing pair of patent red shoes for a real 50's style rock chick look!

We recommend if... You have sass and style in equal measures, and plan to spend at least 10 minutes jiving to Chuck Berry at the afters.

Don't try this if... You're trying to be demure.

Hair

Your wedding hairstyle is very important piece of your overall look. We shall start by congratulating you on your engagement and soon to be a blushing bride and handsome groom. Was it a beautiful romantic dinner? And a sweaty fiancée to be, who's dying to pop the question? A flash mob involving your family and friends? Either way, it was the best memory of yours of him, as it was for him because you said "YES"!

It goes without saying that as a bride, you want to look your absolute best on your wedding day. As everyone will be looking at you and taking pictures of you, your hair and makeup are central to your look and image. Having your makeup done professionally will not only make you look your best but feel good too.

Above all, remember that your **wedding day is about marrying the person you love**. Try to find a few moments in the day to share just with each other. The most exhilarating and private moment is often when you are in your wedding car driving away from the ceremony. Hold each other's hands, look into each other's eyes, and remember that moment for the rest of your life.

Make Up

Being the centre of attention for the entire day, your wedding day is perhaps the one day of your lifetime where you'll want to look your absolute best, and more importantly, **feel** your best. *Behold:* The magic of makeup.

Step 1:

- Your skin is the basis for your wedding day makeup as this is where it all begins. Make sure you drink plenty of water and stay out of the sun in the weeks leading up to the wedding.
- If you don't already use lip balm and moisturizer, now is the time to start. These items will help to keep your skin refreshed. Lip balm will moisturize your lips which is helpful because color fades unevenly on dry lips.

For brides with oily skin, be sure to avoid any harsh skin treatments as these can actually increase the amount of oil in your skin. A better alternative is to bring a skin care routine

- With cleansers and balancers made specifically for your skin type.
- Don't be afraid to experiment with makeup in the months leading up to the wedding. You should aim to have your makeup choices made at least a month before the wedding so that you can be sure you do not have nasty reactions to new products.
- Get your last regular facial a week before the wedding. If you rarely have facials, don't get one within a month of the wedding.
- Use a handkerchief tucked in the bouquet to wipe lipstick from your groom's mouth after the kiss

Base

Now that your skin is looking fantastic, you'll want a flawless complexion

- It is a good idea to apply some moisturiser about twenty minutes before you start to apply your makeup. This will help to reduce slide.
- Use some concealer underneath your eyes. If you anticipate that you'll be doing some crying, look for an oil-based concealer.
- If your usual foundation wears away easily, try to find a formula with a little oil in it as this will help. Complete your foundation with face powder.

Eye

- Don't ever pluck or wax brows the day of the wedding. There's always the chance of overdoing it and you could develop red rashes.
- A good effect is to use eye shadow primer before putting on the eye colour and apply a neutral shadow over the eye. This will give you a softer more natural look. Prep your eyelids with an eye shadow base or a little face powder. Use an off-white pencil inside the lower rims of the eyes to brighten them
- Apply two coats of waterproof mascara. Let each coat dry for a few seconds before applying the next layer. If you think you'll cry a lot, leave your lower lashes clean and you will reduce the smudging.
- Another idea you might like to try is an eyelash perm. They will last for about nine weeks.

Lips

- Be sure to use a colour that looks good with your hair and eye colour and use lip liner in the same colour family. First outline your lips, and then fill them in for an extra layer of colour. Use a matte or longwearing lipstick because you don't want to be constantly reapplying your makeup during the day.
- Layer lip products, such as primer, balm, or lacquer to help to make the lipstick stay on
- Always brush your teeth before hand to ensure clean, fresh teeth.