



## Expert Wedding Accessory Shopping Tips From The Left Bank Jewelry & Bridal Finery

1. **Wear a white or ivory camisole when wedding accessory shopping** to help you visualize your look and have a photo of your dress with you or accessible via the web.
2. **Give yourself plenty of time to choose and order your jewelry**, headpiece, veil and shoes. Don't fall into the trap of panic purchasing. Order and choose at least 6-8 weeks in advance. Do not necessarily go by your wedding date, but when you want everything in your hands or for your fitting!
3. **Try to decide on your hairstyle prior to selecting a headpiece.** By coordinating a look your selection process will be easier. Keep in mind your hair will be more volumized and you'll have more make-up on. Your accessories will have to be more extravagant than what you may originally be thinking. Doing a trial run with your stylist? Take your headpiece with you and please ask them not to spray it with hair products as discoloration may occur.
4. **Keep an open mind when shopping for a veil.** It's the one time in your life you get to wear a veil! Veils photograph beautifully and whether it's a bird cage face veil or cathedral length veil, brides look stunning when wearing one. Please do not iron your veil. Veiling shrivels under a hot iron. Hang it up near a hot steamy shower or use a blow dryer to help remove any creases.
5. **Women love shoes, so often finding the perfect wedding shoe can be a task.** Comfort is key. Choose a shoe you'll feel confident in walking down the aisle and dancing all night in. You'll need your shoes for your fittings, so plan ahead. Bringing a comparable size heel to your fitting you "think" you'll wear is not advisable since it may be difficult to find an exact match in a wedding shoe. Start shoe shopping as soon as you select your dress.
6. **Step away.....**When you have all the pieces on that you like, step around 6-10 feet away from the mirror to see the whole look as your guests and fiancé will see you on your wedding day. Remember that most of your photos will be taken from a distance as well.
7. **Go with designers that specialize in wedding day accessories.** These designers are making their pieces with wedding gowns in mind. Also, think of what you would possibly wear again to another special occasion or what you would love to become a family heirloom.
8. **Never be over influenced by other people.** As nice as it is to get other opinions, make sure that you are happy with your own choice. Take their advice on board of course, but always go with what YOU feel most comfortable with and what reflects your personal style.