

LOOK YOUR AS A **best** **guest**

Just because it's not your wedding doesn't mean you should look less than fabulous as a guest. You don't have to spend a fortune, either.

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tells us how!



CREATE A BUDGET

If you are the one footing the bill (even many bridesmaids do!) don't forget to set a budget. Sit down and calculate how much everything will cost and allocate a certain amount per category – dress, shoes, accessories, hair, makeup, nails, and so on.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVOURITE STORE'S MAILING LIST

Do this before you start shopping for everything from dresses to shoes and makeup. Chances are you will receive an extra discount upon subscribing.

GO THROUGH A FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S CLOSET

Before spending tons of money on a glamorous purse or earrings, think about borrowing. I have found some of the best pieces in my aunt's closet. She is the same size and is an accessories addict. Just remember to always return items on time and in perfect condition – that way you will have a good borrowing reputation for the future.

ASK SOME SMART QUESTIONS

You can splurge on a dress, but ask yourself: Will I wear this dress on three separate occasions? If the answer is yes then it may be worth the splurge. Investing in a timeless cocktail dress is a great example. By changing up the accessories, you can make the dress look new again.

SHOP FOR SHOES LAST

Hemming a dress can be expensive, so match the shoes to the dress instead of the dress to the shoes. I have even seen a lot of people waste money because they bought a specific shoe and now they can't find the dress to match. A very costly mistake!

LOOK FOR A RETURN POLICY AND SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!

Wedding season is a stressful time and the pressure to find the perfect look can be overwhelming. Sometimes we settle for a dress that we are completely unsure about. Make sure you are buying from a store with a return policy. In order to avoid an expensive mistake in your closet, have the receipt handy just in case. Love your look. Being a guest at a wedding is special and you really want to look and feel your best.