

Price Tag

It is an honor to be asked to be part of a bridal party, but that honor can be very expensive. The bridesmaids are expected to pay for their wardrobe, hair styling, and makeup, as well as parties and gifts for the happy couple. As a courtesy to the women who already will be investing a considerable amount to be a part of your wedding, make every effort to select a gown that is affordable. There are plenty of retailers offering stylish options that may not be as expensive as some specialty stores.

Other Tips

Once you've decided on the basic elements, consider the following suggestions to find a gown that the bridal party will enjoy.

* Take one or two bridesmaids shopping with you. Try to select ones with opposite body types so you can see how the gown looks on a woman who is thin and one who may be more full-figured.

* Think about choosing separates. The bridesmaids can mix and match tops and bottoms to find a fit that

works. This may enable a woman with a larger bust size to select a top with supportive straps while another bridesmaid can opt for strapless. Many stores have increased their inventory of separates because of their growing popularity.

* Choose one color and then let the bridesmaids choose the style they like the best for themselves. The look will still be cohesive, but it won't be boring with one type of gown. Also, each bridesmaid will be comfortable with a gown that flatters her shape.

* Go with a tea-length gown. These gowns have become quite trendy and are less formal and cumbersome than full-length gowns. Plus, there is a greater likelihood that the gown can be used again at a later date.

* Purchase the bridesmaid gowns at the same store where you will be purchasing your wedding gown. Most shops will offer a courtesy discount if the bridesmaid gowns are purchased at the same store.

Ensuring bridesmaids are happy in their gowns takes a little work but will be well worth the effort.

A unique location

Imagine your wedding overlooking the beautiful Lewis & Clark Lake & the scenic view of chalkstone bluffs. If you are looking for a different venue for your wedding, The Lodge at Lewis & Clark Resort fits the bill.

More & more weddings today are taking place at non-traditional destination locations. While outdoor weddings are nothing new, finding a unique location that can accommodate a large gathering can be challenging.

The Lewis & Clark

Resort & Lodge is large enough to accommodate two weddings on the same day, offering both wedding parties & guests their own private space.

The rustic details of The Lodge caters to those who love the outdoors, yet the conveniences that are available offer you the comfort of being at home, giving you the best of both worlds.

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