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Nick's Picks

THE "NOT-SO-BRIDAL" BRIDE

Story and illustrations by The One's fashion correspondent, Nick Perez

Throughout history, we have seen the ivory lace, the champagne satins, and the pure white tulle. Although beautiful and traditional, I couldn't help but wonder: What are the not-so-bridal brides going to do when their bridal shopping experience turns into a never ending forage into the white lace tornado?

Being a fashion designer, I sketch everything before I bring my pieces to life, so I've decided to sketch some of my ideas for you bride-to-be readers. Get your glass of wine and popcorn, because this is gonna be quite the read!

Let's say that you're a woman who loves attention and breaking the rules. You might be one of those girls who's always the life of the party and never one to fit in with the other girls. You're probably on the hunt for something fashion forward, not fashion backward, for the woman in mind, I've designed a tulle high low gown that draws attention the second she walks in. The color goes against the traditional white gown, but creates a sense of softness even though the silhouette is very intimidating. When wearing a flashy dress, perhaps try muting it down by accessorizing to the minimal, such as a thin choker or tulle pencil edge veil!



For my brides who hate dresses, this next one's for you. At the recent Bridal Fashion Week, there was a major element down the runway: bridal suits! Ditching the dress can seem scary and a bit masculine compared to the traditional frill of bridal couture, but designers have stressed the suit as a reminder that femininity is an idea, not a look. If this is your cup of tea, it can always be dressed up with a statement heel with a minimal suit! For more drama, try adding an exaggerated sash and funky sunglasses for photos! A veil is optional, but just remember that a minimal ensemble is an invitation for accessories!

And last but not least: The artistic bride. With the final sketch, I kept in mind that not all women want flash, but more substance... something one of a kind, yet classic. For you, I have designed just that. A recent trend report has shown that lace has been replaced with floral print on runways. With that in mind, I've created a beige and blush floral print ball gown. The simple silhouette and pencil trim veil creates a classic shape while the print sets trends without

too much noise! Try pairing up the gown with a strappy matte heel, thin choker, and a beautiful, soft bun!

As a bride, remember that the only rules are the ones you make. At the end of the day, you're dressing in your best form and not an idea of what others have of you. Be it a white a-line lace gown or a beige floral ball gown, the wedding dress should be the story of your love and a representation of who you are as a bride.

No matter what you pick, you'll be able to look back in 50 years and still love the love you have from your wedding day.

Bridal Best,

Nick Perez

