

# chic mums

## Modern

PA Jenny Gill, 25, is getting married in August in Kent. She and her mum Debbie Gill, 51, a receptionist, want outfits with a modern edge that will make them look chic and stylish

### Jenny's verdict

'I love the detail on this dress – it's so beautiful. And I also love my new hair – it's fab! The pretty diamanté hairclip complements the jewels on the bodice.

'Mum's dress isn't something I'd choose

for her. As she's only 5ft 2in, I'd generally suggest an above-the-knee style. But I like the tiered effect and the colours would be lovely for my summer wedding.'

**Debbie's verdict** 'I tend to go for more tailored clothes and, since I'm not very tall, often wear lighter colours, but I really like my outfit. I love my hair and make-up so much, I'll probably go for a similar look for Jenny's wedding.

'Jenny's dress is gorgeous and suits her perfectly. It's very glamorous and the accessories are great. I hope she goes for this side-swept hairstyle for her wedding. The make-up really accentuates her eyes and makes them sparkle – it's not too heavy but it's enough to be noticed.' →

Jenny Organza and lace beaded dress, from £1,000, Art Couture. Crystal comb, £200; crystal bracelet, £390, Jenny Packham. Bouquet of Wanted and Black Baccara roses, Kansas peonies and ranunculus, £90, Rebel Rebel. Debbie Silk-chiffon dress and satin-backed crepe jacket, £699, Condi. Silk and straw fascinator, £115, Gina Foster. Tights, £5.50, Jonathan Aston at My Tights. Leather courts, £69.99, Red or Dead



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Katy Embroidered silk dress, £2,000, Temperley London. Pearl and crystal drop earrings, £160, Jenny Packham. Bouquet of narcissus, hellebores and freesias, £85, Paula Pryke. Rose and lilac arrangement, £80, Jamie Aston. Chris Silk dress, £290; tweed and silk jacket, £550, Favourbrook. Beaded disc fascinator with ostrich quills and coque feather detail, £720, Edwina Ibbotson. Pearl studs, £295, Ciro. Gold wire cuff, £640, Natalie Dissel. Tights, £11, Falke. Leather sandals, £150, LK Bennett



*Abroad*



Charity worker Katy Bolton, 31, and financier Chris Bolton, 65, are looking for summery but elegant outfits for Katy's September wedding, taking place in Puglia, Italy

**Katy's verdict** 'This dress is quite ethereal, and while I'd usually go for something more dramatic and sculptured, I love the Tatiana-esque style. It's like something out of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – which fits perfectly with my enchanted-forest theme. I hate my curly hair, so I'm glad it's up, out of my face.

'Mum looks like royalty! I love the colour of the dress, but the jacket is a bit grown-up! It's so different to her usual jeans-and-jumper look.'

**Chris's verdict** 'As Katy says, this is completely the opposite of what I'd usually pick, but I do feel fabulous. I'd definitely wear my hair up like this for the wedding and the fascinator is an amazing special-occasion piece.

'Katy looks beautiful. The dress is perfect for a hot summer day in Italy and her make-up is so natural and pretty.'



## Traditional



Occupational therapist Emma Linton, 29, is planning a traditional country wedding next May with her mother, Lorraine Linton, 55, a primary teacher. Emma wants both of them to make the most of the chance to feel special  
**Emma's verdict** 'This dress fits perfectly. The lace top is not something I would have considered, but I love it. I've never worn my hair up like this, but I'm planning to show this picture to my hairdresser.'

'I love the silvery colour of Mum's outfit. Her hair and make-up are fantastic, and the fascinator is stylish and fun.'

**Lorraine's verdict** 'When I saw my outfit on the hanger, I didn't think it was very "me", as it's tailored. But it's so comfortable. I'm quite shy and I don't want to wear a shouty, centre-of-attention colour, so this soft silver shade is perfect. And I love the hair and make-up.'

'Emma's lace jacket is very different but it works. I've never seen her hair put up like this; it still looks like her – just more special.' →

Emma Silk-taffeta dress, from £2,570; lace jacket, £575, Stewart Parvin. Crystal tiara, £520, Paris at Browns Bride. Bouquet of Power. Sweet Avalanche and Bella roses, £125, Paula Pryke. Lorraine Silk dress, from £1,775; jacket, from £1,550, Stewart Parvin. Fascinator, £780, Edwinà Ibbotson. Faux pearl necklace, £70, Filippa Scott. Tights, £4.89, Aristoc at My Tights. Silk courts, £140, LK Bennett

## Vintage

Sabine Willson, 30, works in fashion recruitment. Her mother Sue Willson, 58, a housewife, is hosting her August wedding in a marquee in the garden of her Herefordshire home

### Sabine's verdict

'I love the soft and summery lines of the dress and feel very special wearing it. The style really suits the boho-vintage feel I want for my wedding. I'm so pleased my hair's been left loose and natural, and the accessories look

great – I love it that they're not fussy.

'I think Mum looks fabulous. She needs a glamorous dress to stand out as mother-of-the-bridle and I like seeing her dressed up like this.'

**Sue's verdict** 'Wow – the shoes! I've never worn Christian Louboutins and, although they're ridiculously high and quite impractical, they're so flattering. The outfit is very comfortable and I can imagine wearing this all day. I wouldn't usually choose a pattern, so it's great to try something new and different.'

'I think Sabine looks lovely. The flamenco style shows off her figure and I'd love to see her wearing a dress like this at her wedding.'

Sabine Embroidered cotton-tulle dress with veil, £3,350, Suzanne Ermann. Crystal hairclip, £298, Basia Zarzycka. Crystal bracelet, £95, Filippa Scott. Sue Cotton dress, £199; matching jacket, £249, Hobbs. Silk and veiling headpiece, £435, Phillip Treacy. Pearl and crystal earrings, £75, Ciro. Tights, £4.89, Aristoc at My Tights. Panama and nappa shoes, £475, Christian Louboutin



## Black tie

Fashion PR Nathalie-Lucy Attar, 25, and childcare professional Rita Attar, 57, have recently started planning Nathalie-Lucy's London wedding for spring 2011. They both want to wear something a little different



**Nathalie-Lucy's verdict** 'This is the first time I've tried on a wedding dress, so this is an extra-special experience. Amazingly, Maggie Sottero is one of my favourite bridal designers and this particular dress is one I loved on her website.

The sparkly hairband is exactly my style.

'Purple is a fantastic colour on Mum and the fitted long skirt complements her frame, rather than swamping her. I'd love to see her in something similar for my wedding, but with a hat or fascinator to make her stand out even more.'

**Rita's verdict** 'This deep amethyst shade is a favourite colour of mine. The skirt's slight fishtail creates a lovely shape and I really like the fact that, with the blouse tucked in, the outfit looks like a dress. The make-up is just the right side of natural. I agree with Nathalie-Lucy about the hat or fascinator, but I do feel glamorous and I think this outfit would work very well for a city wedding.

'She looks absolutely radiant in her dress. She's had a glow since getting engaged and her hair and make-up add to it. She's going to be a beautiful bride!' **B**

**Nathalie-Lucy** Beaded gossamer-chiffon dress, £900, Maggie Sottero. Crystal hairband, from £295, Richard Designs. Bouquet of English honeymoon tulips, £60, Rebel Rebel. **Rita** Silk blouse, £160; silk skirt with grosgrain trim, £350, Carolina Herrera

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