

Q&A Grooms

Our experts answer your all-important questions

Our panel of experts



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Q I'm not particularly tall. Would a tailcoat suit me?

A Ian says: There's only one way to tell what will or won't suit you:

try it and see. We get many clients who believe that a morning coat (or tailcoat) will not work because they are too short. How often they are wrong! Although a tailcoat is longer than a standard jacket at the back – a properly fitted tailcoat should come to the back of your knees – the front of the coat is cut away and therefore shows the entire length of your legs. Other styles of jackets, although not as long as tails, may actually appear to shorten your legs and with it your overall height.

The morning suit is the most traditional of wedding outfits for men with a timeless and elegant feel. If that's what you're trying to achieve, then don't discount tails on account of your height. You don't know what you might be missing!



TOP TO TAIL



CELEB HAIR

Q I really like Mark Ronson's medium-length messy hairstyle and would like to re-create this look on my wedding day. Which products should I use for this?

A Darren says: This short style can be achieved by applying some Kerastase Reflection Chroma Protect to rough-dried hair. Using a heat-retaining brush, such as the D:Fuse Tourmaline Radial Brush. The hair should be pushed from side to side whilst drying to give maximum shine and to take out the texture. This will ensure that the cuticles are all smooth. To finish, mix a small amount of Fudge Hair Varnish and Fudge Hair Shaper in your hands to create that messy, texturised finish.

METRO-SEXUAL?

Q My fiancée has asked me to have a manicure and pedicure for our wedding and for the honeymoon after. I have never had this done before. Is this something I should consider?

A Sarah says: Absolutely! A pedicure can repair unsightly feet and get them looking presentable for your big day and for your honeymoon after. The same goes for manicures. Usually reserved for women's beauty salons, a manicure can tidy up nails and hands that will play a big part in many of the wedding shots – think "signing the register photo", and think of the "rings" shot! Many grooms enjoy the experience of being pampered and continue to have this done after the wedding!



HOT HAIR TRENDS

Q I am getting married this August. Which hairstyle do you think will be big in summer 2008?

A Darren says: The men's hairstyles on the catwalk for Fashion Week were full of side partings with long, sweeping fringes so I definitely think this is going to be a big summer hair trend.

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