

Hair & Makeup

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Tip no 1: Find a Team You Connect With, Not Just the Right Skills & Experience

Hair and makeup is more than just hair and makeup. Your wedding hair and makeup artist isn't only there to make you look beautiful - they're with you during one of the most intimate and emotional parts of your day.

While skill and experience are essential, having a great rapport with your stylist makes all the difference. You want someone who makes you feel comfortable, at ease, and truly listened to. We always recommend having a call with potential stylists to get a feel for their personality and see if they're the right fit for your wedding morning. A calming, supportive presence can turn your getting-ready time into one of the most memorable and enjoyable parts of your day.

Tip no 2: Plan The Timings Carefully for a Relaxed Start to the Day

One of the most common questions we get is, "How long does hair and makeup take on the wedding morning?" To keep things running smoothly, we allow 45 minutes per bridesmaid/ family member and 1 hour for the bride.

Your chosen stylists will ensure the entire wedding party is ready at least one hour before you meet with the registrar or celebrant. This extra time isn't just about logistics - it gives you the chance to get dressed without rushing, capture those beautiful final photographs, and, most importantly, share precious moments with your loved ones before the big moment. A well-planned timeline means a relaxed start to your wedding day.

Tip no 3: Ensure Their Style Matches Your Vision

When selecting a hair and makeup artist, it's essential to also find someone whose style aligns with your vision.

We always recommend looking through their website and Instagram - can you see yourself in their work? A great stylist will have a signature aesthetic, so choosing someone who specialises in the look you want is key. For example, if you're dreaming of soft, undone boho waves, a stylist known for sleek Hollywood waves may not be the best fit. Likewise, if you prefer a fresh, natural makeup look, a high-glam specialist might not align with your vision.

Take the time to explore their portfolio, read reviews, and even book a consultation call to ensure they understand your style and can bring your bridal beauty vision to life.

Tip no 4: Book Early to Avoid Disappointment

If you fall in love with a hair and makeup artist's work, don't wait to secure your booking! Many wedding directories suggest booking suppliers around six months before your big day, but for hair and makeup, that's often when trials are being scheduled - meaning many artists will already be fully booked.

We always recommend reaching out as soon as you've found someone whose style you adore. Stylists can be booked up a year (or more) in advance, especially for peak wedding season. By securing your date early, you not only guarantee your date but also have plenty of time to plan your trial and perfect your bridal looks together.

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Tip no 5: Remember Pinterest Does Not Always Reflect Reality

We love Pinterest for gathering ideas, but when it comes to bridal hair and makeup, it's important to approach it with a realistic mindset.

Many images circulating on the platform are heavily airbrushed, filtered, or even AI-generated, which can create unrealistic expectations. Instead of relying solely on Pinterest, we always recommend looking at real work from your chosen stylist. Their portfolio will give you the best insight into what's achievable and how their style translates onto real brides. This ensures that your expectations align with what's possible for your hair type and skin tone.

Tip no 6: Get the Details Right for the Wedding Morning Essentials

A little preparation goes a long way in making your wedding morning run smoothly. Here are some things wedding parties might want to consider:

Natural light is key! Good lighting is essential for hair and makeup. If possible, choose a space with plenty of natural light near a window.

Hair styling tools require multiple sockets, so check there are enough plug points and a mirror.

A large table or countertop will help keep products and tools organised, ensuring your stylist can work efficiently without clutter.

If you need to move rooms before getting dressed, allow extra time to relocate without feeling rushed.

No steaming on the wedding morning - steam and humidity can affect hair and makeup, so try to steam dresses the night before to avoid last-minute issues.

Prepare your details for photos. Gather your wedding detail such as invites, shoes, jewellery, and perfume - so your photographer can capture them without interrupting your styling time.

A well-thought-out space and schedule will make all the difference in keeping your morning running seamlessly.

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