

GUIDE TO EVENING WEDDING ATTIRE

<i>Wedding Style</i>	<i>Bride</i>	<i>Bridesmaids</i>	<i>Groom & Attendants</i>	<i>Mothers</i>
<p><i>Very Formal Evening</i></p> <p>200 guests or more</p> <p>After 6 PM</p>	<p>Dress with a long train. Veil to complement dress, often long or full. Long sleeves or gloves to cover arms. Shoes to match dress. Full bouquet or flower-trimmed prayer book.</p>	<p>Four to twelve. Long dresses, short veils, or other headpieces, gloves to complement sleeve length. Any style bouquet, shoes to match or harmonize.</p>	<p>Traditional: Full dress tailcoat with matching trousers, white waistcoat, white bow tie, wing-collared shirt. (Optional: Black top hat, white gloves.) Contemporary: Black contoured long or short jacket, wing collared shirt.</p>	<p>Floor length evening dinner dresses. Small hats. Shoes, gloves, and flowers harmonize.</p>
<p><i>Formal Evening</i></p> <p>100 guests or more,</p> <p>After 6 PM</p>	<p>Long dress with a chapel or sweep train. Veil of a length to complement dress. Accessories the same as those for very formal wedding.</p>	<p>Two to six. Similar to very formal, but dresses are sometimes short. Gloves are optional.</p>	<p>Traditional: Dark dinner jacket with matching trousers, dress shirt, bow tie, vest, or cummerbund. (Optional: White or ivory jackets in summery climate.) Contemporary: Same as formal daytime. Groomsmen coordinate with similar ensembles.</p>	<p>Dinner dresses, usually long. Small hats, shoes, gloves, and flowers harmonizing with dresses.</p>
<p><i>Semi-formal Evening</i></p> <p>100 guests or fewer, home chapel</p>	<p>Trainless, floor length or shorter dress white or pastel. Veil, elbow length or shorter. Same accessories as for a formal wedding, but simpler bouquet is used.</p>	<p>Seldom more than one, plus an honor attendant. Elaborate, street length dresses. Small bouquets.</p>	<p>Traditional: Favorite suit, white, colored, or striped shirt, four-in-hand tie. Contemporary: Dinner jacket of formal suit, dress shirt, bow tie, vest, or cummerbund.</p>	<p>Elaborate street length dresses with appropriate accessories.</p>
<p><i>Informal Evening</i></p>	<p>Suit or street dress. Hat, gloves, shoes, and bag. Nosegay or flowers to wear.</p>	<p>Maid of honor only. Dress or suit similar to brides. Flowers to wear.</p>	<p>Same as semi-formal.</p>	<p>Dresses or suits similar to honor attendant's.</p>