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WEARING WEDDING WHITE (OR NOT!)

The white wedding dress practice likely traces back more than 2,000 years, with roots in the Roman Republic (509 B.C. - 27 B.C.) when brides wore a white tunic. The colour white represented purity, symbolizing both a woman's chastity and her transition to a married Roman matron. In fact, there are lots and lots of jokes about the different shades of white a bride might wear and how that might relate to her virginity.

But, that thinking is old and out of date as so many brides wish to express their freedom, creativity and culture by using a wedding gown that says everything about themselves.

Here at Blame Her Ranch, we have seen about all of it. And, we thoroughly enjoy how each bride decides to stand out and create a whole different expression on their magical day.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW NON-TRADITIONAL WEDDING GOWN IDEAS...

1. **Halloween Wedding Dress:** This coming October, our Operations Manager Caroline will walk down the aisle dressed totally in black. The groomsmen will be dressed as Vampires while the bridesmaids are dressed as Witches. Other guests are encouraged to keep the Halloween idea alive with their own unique costumes. Even Steve the owner, will dispense dry flower petals in his role as a Day of the Dead Flower Boy. Not for everyone, but what a great and memorable twist.
2. **Bohemian Wedding Dress:** Try a Sheath gown fit for a goddess using Anjo lace, a high neck, puff sleeves and an open keyhole back that gives a unique edge. Ivory and Ivory-Tuscan shades would work perfectly.
3. **Beach Wedding Dress:** For the bride seeking a beach wedding dress, try something simple yet still statement-making. A simple fit-and-flare gown in silk white or ivory. Also, a detachable chiffon organza off-the-shoulder cape makes this style truly unique.

4. **Bridal Jumpsuits:** For the modern bride, bridal jumpsuits are totally in right now and full of glamour. Fitted from head-to-toe with all-over beading, you will shimmer all the way from the aisle to the after-party.
5. **Traditional Indian Wedding Attire:** A Lehenga is traditional Indian attire worn for wedding celebrations. Unlike western wedding ceremonies, brides avoid wearing white, as it's a symbol of mourning. Instead, they opt for a colorful sari that reflects their region of origin. Typically, shades of red are popular colours as they represent happiness and good luck to the married couple.

Let's face it, while wedding white isn't worn out yet, you certainly have a number of choices to make your special day very creative. In fact, it is fair to say that wedding guests are looking forward to spinning around in their church seats to see the magical reveal of what the bride has chosen to wear! **WH**



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