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What's Your Gloves Style?

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Gloves are most often seen at formal weddings, in a shade to match the wedding gown. Your bridesmaids can wear matching-length gloves in a color to match their gowns, so that you all look extra-elegant and regal. Are gloves a part of your wedding day fantasy? Take a look at Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*. When she descends the staircase with those opera-length gloves on, she's the essence of style. (Well, she would be even without the gloves, but they certainly complete the style perfection!) Here are the primary types of gloves for you to match to your gown style and the formality and setting of your wedding:

- *Opera-length*: Full-length gloves that reach from your fingertips all the way up to near your shoulder, perfect with a strapless or sleeveless dress.

- *Elbow-length*: Reaching from your fingertips to just above or just below your elbow, this style works well with off-the-shoulder dresses, cap sleeves, petal sleeves and illusion netting mini sleeves. This one is perfect if you have toned upper arms – they bring the eye right to your muscles.
- *Wrist-length*: Reaching from your fingertips to just above or just below your wrist. It's a delicate look, less formal than the others, but a lovely look for your longer-sleeve dress.
- *Open finger-gloves*: These come in any length as mentioned above, but your fingers are exposed. Most often, the glove attaches via a ring on your middle finger, to provide the smooth silk or lace covering of the glove with full use of your fingers for the ring exchange and handling the candle taper, or signing a Ketubah, etc.

Match your glove color to your exact shade of gown color, or bring some color from your bouquet or your shoes into your glove shading. If you have sparkling silver shoes, for instance, why not gloves with just a hint of silver? If you have pink detailing on your white gown, your gloves – worn only for the ceremony – might have pink in them as well. And what's your style of fabric? You'll see shiny silk gloves, satin gloves, sheer gloves and Victorian lace gloves. We suggest that you ask your gown designer or sales associate to show you different styles of gloves to coordinate with your gown, rather than ordering gloves online. A perfect color match – unless you're going with colored gloves with a white gown – is essential.