



## Be as beautiful as you can be on your big day

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WINCHESTER – It's your big day, the day that you commit to another human "till death do you part." There is no questioning why everyone's emotions are on high alert; there are, after all, so many things to worry about. Wouldn't it be nice if there was one thing that would help you to relax and enjoy the day while you count the hours and minutes until you say "I do"?

Actually, there is. All you must do is sit back and relax and let a qualified professional help you to look as wonderful as possible.

Leanne Fawcett is a bridal makeup specialist, and the owner of MakeUp2Go, and she has been offering mobile makeup since 2010. Wedding makeup is one of her specialties.

"I was thinking of how I could bring that service to the bride and the bridal party and make it that much more elevated, and luxurious and convenient to them and their family," said Fawcett. "I want to make it just that much more special on their day. It means there is one less thing to do that day, and if you can gather everybody together and just do everything in one place, that makes it a whole lot more convenient."

In the realm of fashion, and weddings would certainly fit within that category, there are often trends that exist which offer a "look" that many find appealing. According to Fawcett, there are currently a couple of looks that are very popular. "Actually, they're calling it the 'quiet face', which lends itself well to the bridal look. It is generally more natural, and really enhances the bride's own features. It is a look that's timeless, and unless a person is asking for a particular theme, I'm finding people are choosing a timeless type kind of look. That is apparently what I am known for: natural, elegant, and timeless."



Being able to bring her skill and artistry to her client's location eliminates one thing from a very long list of things to do on what can be a very stressful day.

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right? I see it as my job to bring that out. Everybody has beautiful features one way or the other."

In addition to being able to draw upon her many years of experience, Fawcett is a graduate of the Versailles Academy of Make-Up Arts and Esthetics, and is qualified as a cosmetician, a colour consultant, and an esthetician. She also continues to keep up to date with the latest developments in the industry as a regional artist and training coordinator with Parfums Christian Dior, a relationship she has maintained for over eleven years.

To say she is busy is probably an understatement, but Fawcett loves what she does, whether she is on the road for Christian Dior or serving her own small-town community. There's always time for something new though, right? "Prom will be coming up soon," said Fawcett, "and I've already started doing what I call Prom Trial makeup applications. They come in with a particular beauty look, and I try to interpret it for their specific features."

Each person is beautiful in their own way, and Leanne Fawcett finds a way to magnify that beauty.

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## An engagement ring is an investment for a lifetime

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CORNWALL – It may not be the largest purchase you will ever make, but it is probably the one that carries with it the greatest meaning. An engagement ring is a symbol of love, a promise to be kept, and it signifies the experience that is now, and forever. It speaks of eternity. How can you ever hope to find something so small, yet symbolizing so much?

You can start by looking at Pommier Jewellers.

Pommier Jewellers has been making dreams come true for couples since 1937, but the Pommier family has been a part of Eastern Ontario's business community since 1877 when Eugene Pommier opened the very first Pommier Jewellers in Ottawa. Today, his great-grandson Andre Pommier leads the family business as they continue to provide the level of quality and service that is synonymous with the Pommier name.

"Our family's been selling engagement rings since 1880, and I've been doing it since 1986. And it's funny. It's something that, traditionally, it's still the same template of buying quality.

"There are maybe six different styles, right? But the guys coming in, they're much more knowledgeable now because of the internet but they still want to buy from a brick-and-mortar store because they want that experience. And they know what she

wants because she's given them a Pinterest photo."

According to Pommier, the biggest difference in engagement rings from 1986 to now is that now there are different choices of material. You can get a laboratory grown diamond or a mine grown diamond. Both are beautiful. They each have a purpose.

Pommier says it is the younger generation that is driving this change. "They want a green planet," he comments. "The car that they're going to choose is going to be a hybrid or an electric. It's not going to be oil based because of polluting and with the diamonds, it's the same thing. They don't want the mine because we're ripping up the ground and you know, we're hurting the animals because the animals used to go to that area. As well though, it takes so much energy to build a lab grown diamond. If you really look at the green idea, they're both doing their thing."

So, if a woman comes in with her boyfriend and a Pinterest photo and she wants a two-carat oval shape, a mine grown diamond like that is going to cost far more than he can afford. The woman probably won't care if the diamond is lab grown or mine grown, especially if it is almost impossible to tell the difference.

"You and I can't tell the difference," says Pommier. "And even the best technologists can't tell the difference. You need special tools to tell the difference between lab

grown and mine grown."

Pommier can also help if you don't really know what you want. "A lot of people come in and they just say okay, what do I need?" said Pommier. "They just go through it, and I explain everything. I talk about the gold; I talk about Canadian mined diamonds. I talk about non-Canadian diamonds. I talk about lab grown and mine grown diamonds. Then I'll ask what is your girlfriend like? He'll explain a little bit, so then okay, so she might want something more classic, or she might want vintage, or she likes free flow. Does she want something that you can wear every day, is she very manual, or is she more delicate?"

The more information he has to work with, the closer Pommier can come to bringing her dream to life.

Yellow gold is huge right now, according to Pommier, but as they say, the only constant in life is change, so who knows what the future will hold? "What I usually do is I always recommend, go two-tone," said Pommier. "Because then when white comes back in a few years, yellow comes back in a few years, you're covered."

One thing to remember is that it isn't just a piece of jewellery that you are buying, it is the experience of the engagement and everything that goes with it. "You don't just buy a ring online because it's going to get you engaged," said Pommier. "You've got to choose the right ring and you've got to present it with romance. "She wants the

fairy tale," adds Pommier. "She wants to go to Tremblant and be on the top of the mountain and you pull out a ring, you have the bottle of champagne, or you're in Dominican Republic on a beach, just the two of you or you're in New York City or Paris or wherever, whatever makes her day.

"That's what I love about our store, our whole staff. We're on the romance button. You tell us you want romance, we'll set it up for you. People come in and you can tell the guy's got beads of sweat running down. We kind of give them all these ideas and he goes, 'I don't know what to do,' so we'll say we've got the Alight at Night, we can pick and choose a complimentary ride for you and your girlfriend. Or we set them up at a local restaurant and we get a gift card to go get engaged.

"I've got a cottage at Tremblant, and I give them the keys to my cottage and tell them, 'Here, you've got a complimentary night, go get engaged. I think that the romance is as much a part of the package as the ring. The ring must be perfect but so too does the presentation. It's an experience of life."

Pommier Jewellers is located at 6 Second St. East in Cornwall, at the corner of Pitt St. and Second St. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. They are closed Sunday and Monday. You can reach them by phone or text at 613-932-4022, or by email from their website ([pommierjewellers.com](http://pommierjewellers.com)).



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## Trendy wedding dress colours in 2024

When it comes to choosing a colour for your wedding dress, brides have myriad options. Traditional off-white, pure white and ivory remain popular choices, but modern brides are opting for statement colours. In 2024, wedding dress trends are embracing a departure from tradition with an array of captivating colours. Here are four wedding dress colours to consider.

**1. Pink** is a standout choice for brides who want to radiate romance. From blush and champagne to dusty rose, pink wedding dresses bring a soft, ethereal charm to the aisle.

**2. Purple** wedding dresses, particularly in shades like lavender and lilac, are becoming increasingly popular in bridal fashion. This colour exudes elegance and sophistication, creating a whimsical and enchanting atmosphere on the big day.

**3. Blue** wedding dresses are ideal for brides who want to add a touch of serenity and tranquillity to their big day. From pale aqua and steel blue to deep navy, blue wedding dresses evoke a sense of calmness and depth.

**4. Black** wedding dresses are making a statement in 2024. They exude an air of mystique and modernity, making them perfect for brides who dare to defy convention. A black wedding dress creates a dramatic and unforgettable bridal look.

Patterned wedding dresses are also gaining in popularity. Whether adorned with delicate floral patterns trailing down the skirt or intricate bodice overlays, these gowns infuse individuality into the bridal ensemble.

With so many options available, it can be overwhelming to choose the perfect wedding dress. However, there are plenty of local bridal stores and dress shops that can help you find



the dress of your dreams. Take your time and enjoy the process of selecting the perfect wedding dress that reflects your unique personality and style.

## 4 ways to include your children in your wedding

If you're a parent getting married, there's no one more special to include in your wedding than your children. Here are four ways to thoughtfully involve your little ones in your special day.

1. Let them be the flower girl or ring bearer
  2. Include them in a ritual
  3. Involve them in a first dance
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- Speak with a local wedding planner to find unique ways to involve your children in your big day.

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## Something sweet for your wedding

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MOREWOOD – There has been an increasing trend in providing wedding guests with a small gift as a thank you for attending the nuptials. This is sometimes referred to as a wedding favour which can

rest on the dining table at the reception or can be combined with other small items in a wedding welcome bag. The gifts provide an opportunity for the bride and groom to showcase their individuality to guests while thanking them.

If you are looking for something sweet

to add to your wedding welcome bag or to use as a wedding favour, then Smirlholm Farms may have a honey of an idea for you to consider.

"The wedding favours are a 130 g [jar] of my award-winning, unpasteurized honey in a beautiful decorative jar with a custom label," explained Glenn. He mentioned how the 130 g jar is always in stock, noting if a custom label is desired, advance notice is required.

He mentioned being asked by a friend to create the item for their wedding and a new facet of their business began. "They can be used for any occasion where someone

wants to do a unique, personalized gift to sweeten the mood!" said Glenn. He explained how it is "fun to be part of someone's special day by helping out and providing them with something as unique as this."

Smirlholm Farms, home to Glenn, Lisa and Jada Smirle, is located on the outskirts of the North Dundas community of Morewood and is known for producing and marketing high quality, unpasteurized honey. Details and contact information can be found on their Facebook page or website located at <https://smirlholmfarmshoney.ca>.



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