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## Here Comes the Bride

You're engaged! What now? Cue the stress, being overwhelmed and even a little bit of fear. Does that sound familiar? If not, it may.

Your dress, of course, is the most important part of the wedding (not that I'm biased). If image has ever mattered, this is it! You wouldn't be human if you didn't want to be the most beautiful bride in the world, in the history of time. That's just natural!

Let's make it happen. Following are some tips to find a dress that will suit your body type and make your groom cry tears of joy.

Usually either you're a mermaid style girl or a ball gown style girl. Here is a suggestion if you like the mermaid style: mermaid style dresses look best on slender figures with small hips and flat stomachs. Due to the fit and flare style of the dress, all of the attention is on the stomach and hips. If you would rather not shine the light on those areas, a different style of dress is best.

Ball gowns look great on many body types, although if you're petite in stature, they may swallow you whole. Instead of the light shining on you, all people will see is a huge dress. A more form fitted (doesn't need to be tight) dress will make you the star.

An A-line dress looks great on any figure type and can be done very simply or blinged out to your heart's content. An A-line dress has the shape of an A, which is somewhat narrower on top and flares out at the bottom. This hides hips, thighs, butts and stomachs. If none of those are an issue, it gives you a great shape. A winner for anyone!

How about a tea length dress? Are you adventurous and looking for a different look? This may be for you. You can go from simple to totally crystallized and show off a little leg to boot. Try it, you may like it!

If all of this is confusing, I'd be happy to assist you in finding your dream gown. Cheers!



All images from the Oksana Mukha Wedding Dress collection from Lviv fashion week, courtesy of image.net



## Men: Dressing Impeccably on a Budget

I would like to dispel a popular myth: to be a well dressed man, you must spend a fortune on clothes and shoes.

The truth of the matter is that you can dress and look your best and still stay well within your budget. Here are some ways to make that happen.

You can normally find quality suits from retailers at prices that range from 40% to 75% off. It's as simple as looking through the sale advertisements in your local paper. Usually Sunday has the most sales ads.

Another way to find great quality at lower prices is surfing the net. You can find great deals from many retailers that sell on the internet including sites such as eBay. Sign up for your favorite retailers' sale announcements and coupons and you'll save even more.

A good local resource to stay within

budget is to frequent resale shops. On numerous occasions, I have found high quality, brand new dress shirts, casual shirts and pants with the tags still on them for pennies on the dollar. Shopping at your favorite stores regularly increases your chances of finding outstanding bargains.

A great place to purchase shoes at a lower cost is on the internet, where there are tons of styles to choose from. There are many that offer free shipping and hassle free returns. More often than not, I buy my shoes from the internet.

Since you have many options at your disposal, I challenge you to put the time and effort into finding and building your wardrobe, on a budget, as you continue your journey to becoming a well dressed man.

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## Spring Trend: Going wild with Tribal

One of the spring trends this year is a tribal vibe with clothes and accessories. How can you not love tribal? It's flowing, vibrant colors and patterns which make you want to flaunt them and show everyone a little bit of a wild side.

Well, that's all fine and good but what if I don't have the money to go buy a bunch of trendy tribal items, which you know are going to be out of style next season?

I'm glad you asked that question! As you know, trends come and go, and come back again. Sometimes I wonder if there are really any true new trends

anymore (but I digress). Do trends coming back around, you may already have the newest trend hidden in your closet!

Also, depending on your style and personality, you may have always loved tribal (like me) and again, already have tribal items waiting patiently to be worn.

Since I have traveled to other countries and shop Fair Trade stores which are full of treasures, I looked through my accessories and found these great pieces.

See if you have similar pieces and you can go tribal without going broke.

