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Okay, brides, ombré could be your new best friend this year. Ombré is en vogue: It's in hair, nails, as well as bridal and bridesmaids gowns, and it's even in other things like tablecloths and

decor. So, what is ombré exactly and how can it look great in your wedding?

OH MY, WHAT?

Ombré involves fading from one color to another. It's most common in hair, appearing as though the bottom of the hair has been dipped in dye. Ombré is a bit more complex than that, however, changing from one color to another in a more gradual way. Ombré in clothing sometimes has the appearance of being tie-dyed as the graduation in color may sometimes overlap from one color to another.

WHAT IS THE BOLDEST WAY TO INCORPORATE OMBRE?

Girls, have you ever looked at wedding dresses and thought that a bridal gown was *too* white? White is a wonderful tradition to uphold, but if you're a bride that wants to do something a little different, consider a white wedding dress that has a champagne ombré, like this dress from Mori Lee (source at www.contemporarybride.com).

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This adds depth of color and interest to the bride's dress without destroying the tradition of wearing white. For the bolder girl who doesn't care so much about the tradition of wearing white, ombré can really spice up a wedding dress with blues, ambrosias or pinks, such as this vintage-inspired Versace gown (source at www.blackbride.com).

Bridal gowns aren't the only dress that you can freshen up with ombré: You can have your bridesmaids wear ombré dresses, and you can have honored guests (parents and grandparents) wear ombré as well. Take a look at these starlets wearing non-bridal gown ombré dresses (source at www.onewed.com). Think outside the box. Just because you've picked wedding colors doesn't mean that everything has to be that one color. Have you ever looked at a paint swatch and had trouble choosing one shade because you liked all of the color tones? Ombré embraces that and gives you the ability to choose all of those colors.

One way of incorporating those colors is by graduating the colored icing on the cake. Check out this inspiration from www.21stbridal.com.

ARE YOU A DIY KINDA GIRL?

Ombré looks trendy and expensive, right? Well, it can be trendy without being expensive. There are plenty of DIY projects for the crafty girl who is looking for an expensive look without spending a lot of money (source at www.diyweddingsmag.com).

You can DIY ombré projects by using different colors of paper or dying white cloth like tablecloths, draperies, shoes or dresses. Or you can do projects that involve other tactile decorations such as wine-corks displays, centerpieces like vases or glass bottles, and frames.



So, you heard the host of your bridal shower wants to plan an afternoon tea party theme, and it's not really your, um, cup of tea. What do you do?

For most brides-to-be, the dilemma is that they feel stuck not wanting to offend their kind hosts or hurt their feelings.



Yet, if the guest of

honor doesn't share her thoughts with her host, it impedes open and honest communication throughout the planning process. Keep in mind, the host most likely wants to please the bride and would welcome her input.

As a diplomatic solution, you may want to try a gentle compromise by accepting what your host is offering (for example, the theme) while also proactively communicating your honest opinions in the most positive way possible. Something like, "I have never been to an afternoon tea before and appreciate that you have generously offered to have this in my honor and would love to hear more about it." Now, once you've taken the initiative to open the lines of communication, know that your host still may not decide to change the theme to better fit your personality. However, by collaborating and sharing your opinions in a positive manner and even throwing out a couple of ideas that you think may be helpful and appreciated by the host (and that align with the host's tea party theme!), you will have the best overall chances of making a positive impact on the details of your event, while still allowing your host to take the lead. After all, it is a



Keep Your Wedsite Secure.

It's crucial to protect any personal information online. Always. Identity theft



affects millions

people annually, and if somebody targets you, you want to make sure they can't collect your personal information or that of your wedding party and guests.

First check with your website host to see if they have measures in place to protect your identity and the security of your guests. Most of the larger wedding sites offer password-protection security and prevent your site from being indexed by search engines so you don't have to worry about the plans for your Big Day appearing in a Google search.

Next, limit the amount of content you publish about your wedding party even if the template you choose prompts you to add details about your family and friends and you as a couple. Wedding websites tend to not only detail every aspect of when you're getting married (as in when your entire family will be gone and their houses likely empty for multiple events) but often provide other extraneous information like your birthdays (that "about us" section) and provide the bride's soon-to-be maiden name. If you choose to introduce your wedding party to your site, don't list their last names and relation to the bride or groom (friend of bride, cousin of groom, etc.) In addition, if you

generous act to throw someone a shower.

and your wedding party are traveling for a destination wedding and will be out of town for an extended period of time, or even if you plan to get married in your hometown, personal information that could lead to an unauthorized person finding out where you live and when you will be gone should be kept private.



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