

A woman in a white wedding dress with a long train is standing in a bridal boutique. The dress has a lace bodice and a long, flowing train. The background shows a display of wedding dresses and a mannequin. The text "Carol's Bridal BOUTIQUE" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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You need to look and feel your absolute best throughout your special day. Getting the right look and then retaining the bridal glow is sometimes not easy.

Make-up and Hair artistry are the icing on the cake to all the hard work and excitement of your wedding day. They are the two things that will make your day complete and a Bride look so beautiful that people will find it hard to forget her radiance. These aesthetics are every bit as important as your dress, many brides still struggle away doing their own make-up and hair on the wedding day. It is possible to do a great job on your own, but why put yourself under such pressure at a time when you least need it.

Remember bridal make-up and hair is a very different look to going on a Saturday night out. You should consider leaving these two vital aspects of your appearance to the experts, allowing you to relax and enjoy being the focus of attention on your big day.

Aileen has been a professional Wedding Make-Up Artist and Beauty Therapist for over 28 years, specialising in achieving radiant skin and a flawless complexion. Both Aileen and her team will work with you before your wedding day, to create a unique look that you will love. Whether you want to be fresh, dewy, natural or glamorous, they will be with you on the day, ensuring that you walk down the aisle looking confident, beautiful and dazzling.

Sam and Laura Bradley have been working alongside each other for 12 years and have recently taken over HairSpa on Kingstown road in Carlisle. With an unrivalled passion for the industry they are professionals who can be trusted. Sam and Laura will create the look you desire for your wedding and work with the bridal party to ensure everyone's needs are met.

Our bridal service:

Includes a pre-wedding trial for hair and makeup, six to eight weeks before the event. This allows time to treat any skin or hair conditions, tint lashes or apply individual eyelash extensions if required. We encourage the bride to bring along inspirations – pages from magazines, fabric samples and floral ideas to give us a clear idea of which colours, textures and styles have inspired you.

Additional service:

Our wedding service covers all members of the wedding party from flower girl to mother of the bride. We offer a friendly, fun and honest service that people recommend again and again.

Our services are mobile so we are able to travel to anywhere you require us which means a more relaxing enjoyable experience for you and your bridal party. If there are a large number in the party, we will bring one or more assistants for the day.



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Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding

Carol's Bridal Boutique is situated in the heart of historic Carlisle and was created to give brides the ultimate in service, style and choice when it comes to the all-important decision of choosing a wedding gown. If it's vintage glamour, classic chic or full on fairytale, we have an amazing collection of stunning gowns from British and International Designers who are leading the way!

Keep an open mind when you are choosing your wedding gown. A dress can really come alive when tried on, and the final touches are so important when creating the overall look. Choosing a dress couldn't be easier in the luxurious surroundings of Carol's Bridal Boutique. Spread over three floors and decorated in a French chic style, Brides and their bridal party can relax with complimentary refreshments and not worry about the time.

We are a team of passionate, caring and experienced ladies who will always go that extra mile no matter what because we just love what we do. Understanding that every bride is unique is reflected in the service that we give which is tailored to the Bride's individual requirements; so her special day exceeds her expectations. We have built our excellent reputation through testimonials, dedication and honesty.

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PLANNING YOUR SPECIAL DAY

FROM 24 MONTHS

- ◊ The Dress - start looking early for your perfect style. Take into account the time of year and whether your wedding is traditional, themed or informal.
- ◊ Decide the date and place of wedding.
- ◊ Consult both sets of parents, draw up your guest list.
- ◊ Book your photographer/videographer.

FROM 12 MONTHS

- ◊ Apply for marriage licence with local Registrar if planning a civil ceremony.
- ◊ Decide on the colour scheme of your wedding.
- ◊ Order your dress, attendant's outfits and accessories.
- ◊ Order the wedding cake and favours.
- ◊ Book florist and choose arrangements for bouquets, church and reception site.
- ◊ Book your desired transport to and from the ceremony.
- ◊ Book a toastmaster if required.
- ◊ Book your honeymoon and apply for passports.
- ◊ Reserve marquees and rental equipment if necessary.

FROM 6-9 MONTHS

- ◊ Select a stationery company for invitations, order of service, menus, table plan, place cards, etc.
- ◊ Select and book musicians, DJ and entertainment.
- ◊ Arrange hire of suits for groom, best man, fathers and ushers.
- ◊ Book decorations and balloons for the reception.
- ◊ Order your wedding rings. This will allow time for custom designs and inscriptions.
- ◊ Book dental appointment for getting your teeth whitened and make necessary arrangements for any cosmetic surgery for that perfect wedding day smile.





FROM 2-4 MONTHS

- ◊ Compile wedding present list and register. If you already have a home together, consider registering with a travel agent for gift vouchers to use for your honeymoon or future dream holiday.
- ◊ Send out invitations and keep track of RSVPs, gifts and thank you notes. Don't forget a directions map and local accommodation list for out of town guests.
- ◊ Discuss details of menu with venue or caterer.
- ◊ Schedule rehearsal time and dinner.
- ◊ Buy any special lingerie your dress requires and take to your next fitting.
- ◊ Buy shoes and start breaking them in around the house.
- ◊ Go shopping for mums' outfits, your going-away outfit and honeymoon clothes.
- ◊ Make appointments with hair and beauty salons.
- ◊ Select dry cleaning, gown and bouquet preservation companies.
- ◊ Start writing your speeches.

FROM 4 WEEKS

- ◊ Have a trial run with hair and make-up with headpiece.
- ◊ Have final fittings for yourself and your attendants.
- ◊ Hold hen/stag night.
- ◊ Finalise details for the wedding and prepare check lists for bridesmaids, best man and ushers!
- ◊ Prepare seating plan.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ◊ Send out thank-you notes as gifts are received.
- ◊ Start course of tanning sessions or book self-tan appointment at beauty salon.
- ◊ Confirm final arrangements in detail with all services.
- ◊ Pick up wedding rings.
- ◊ Ask best man to take charge of returning the groom's and ushers clothing, if hired.

1 WEEK BEFORE

- ◊ Pick up your wedding gown.
- ◊ Notify venue/caterer of final guest count.
- ◊ Have facial and other beauty treatments.
- ◊ Start gathering wedding ensemble and pack for honeymoon.

1 DAY BEFORE

- ◊ Layout wedding ensemble and pack overnight bag.
- ◊ Have your manicure and pedicure today!

ON THE DAY

- ◊ Relax, Enjoy and Remember...

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Step One

Start with A longer than B and take A over and behind B



Step Two

Take A behind B and up through the loop



Step Three

Take A over and behind B



Step Four

Take A down through the loop again



Step Five

Then over and up through the loop



Step Six

Bring A through the knot and tighten



The Tying Knot

An elegant cravat sets off morning dress beautifully and is no harder to knot than a regular tie. (Our diagram will help you perfect the technique)

Alternatively, a bow tie is suitable for an evening event.

Collar Co-ordinated

Match your collar to your neckwear. A normal collar day shirt or wing collar shirt will work well with a tie or a self-tie cravat, and the Victorian wing collar is usually paired with a self-tie cravat. If you're wearing a bow tie, you can take your pick of any collars.



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Giles and I had the most wonderful day against the idyllic backdrop of lake Ullswater, helped along by the fact I was in love with my bridal gown and cathedral length veil, and my bridesmaids' dusky pink tea length dresses. The look I was going for – romance and roses – came together perfectly, and luckily the sun was out in force making the crystals on my dress sparkle. I had lots of photographs taken of the back of my dress, as it had the most amazing detailing – an element which instigated compliments off guests all day long. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole process of choosing my dress and all the fittings that went with it, I wish I could do it all over again!

With Love, Lynne, Mum & Dad



Carol and All the wonderful ladies, Thank you all for being amazing from day one, helping us to find our perfect dress and suit. We can't thank you enough. A special thank you to Becky for dressing me on the morning and making everything stress free. We can't sing your praises enough and will recommend you to everyone, we had such a magical day, even with storm Desmond.

With Love,

Hannah and David Styrth xxx



I cannot thank Carol's Bridal Boutique enough for what they have done for my special day. I thought I knew what style of dress I wanted... but left with something completely different... they helped me find my dream dress that suited me perfectly! My bridesmaid's dresses were absolutely gorgeous, the team helped me find the perfect style that suited all my girls! James and his groomsmen loved their suits too, the quality was excellent! A very friendly boutique where they really go the extra mile for you! I never felt pressured and my service was honest and relaxed, we had so much fun! Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Carol and all the team!

Becky and James xxx



I would just like to say thank you for everything you have done for us, Sue especially, you have been fantastic from my very first appointment, I will always remember my great experience with you. Everything has been perfect... my dress, my three bridesmaids, my two flowergirls and Rob and his groomsmen's suits! Me and Rob really appreciate everything.

Thanks again,

Love Lucy and Rob x x



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Our Bride's Testimonials



To all the girls at Carol Roberts Couture Bridal, It was a complete pleasure to work with you all from start to finish! I was able to relax knowing everything was in hand. I really can't thank you all enough,

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With love, Carrie xxx

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THE VENUE

Church or Civil Ceremony?

Choosing your wedding venue is one of the most important decisions you will make. The wedding ceremony and the wedding reception can be organised separately or together. Many couples still favour the traditional church wedding ceremony followed by the reception at a local venue. In this case, the reception venue should be planned in close proximity to the church for ease of transporting guests from church to the reception venue.

Increasingly popular is the civil wedding where your ceremony and reception are held together at the same venue, providing it holds a civil ceremony licence.

You can check with your local authority which venues are licenced to perform your civil ceremony if this is your preferred option.

Once you have decided on a church or civil ceremony you may wish to consider the style of the venue, from a local castle or manor house, to a marquee, and now you would like that venue to be dressed.

An important consideration is to make sure the venue will be able to accommodate the number of guests you are inviting to both the wedding breakfast and the evening reception.

There are a vast array of venues available covering all budgets and it is well worth talking to a number of venues to enquire whether they offer preferred rates for weekday weddings, whether they provide a wedding co-ordinator/toastmaster/cake stand/red carpet service included in the price, and whether they offer a set price for a set number of guests.

Remember, popular venues will be booked up to 2 years in advance, so once you have made your decision do not delay in booking the wedding venue for your special day.



WEDDING COSTS

Who pays for what?

Traditionally, the bride's family handle all the wedding expenses. However, in recent years there has been a shift in tradition and usually who pays for what is really a question of who is willing and able to pay.

The most important consideration is to set a budget and if the bride's family is unable to bear the full costs, then talk to the groom's parents as they may be willing to contribute.

It is also now becoming customary for the bride and groom to pay towards some of the expenses.

We hope the traditional division of wedding expenses will help you to budget for your special day.

The Bride

- Groom's wedding ring
- A gift for the groom
- Bridesmaids dresses
- Gifts for attendants/bridesmaid
- Hen Party

The Bride's Family

- Brides dress
- Wedding invitations
- The wedding reception
- Gifts for the newly weds
- Photographs
- Rental of church/choir/organist
- Flowers for church/reception
- Bridesmaids' bouquets
- Transportation to ceremony/reception

The Groom

- Brides wedding ring
- A gift for the bride
- Banns, wedding licence and certificates of marriage
- Morning suits for best man and ushers
- Gifts for best man and ushers
- Brides bouquet and going away corsage
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- Stag party

The Grooms Family

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