

- Start your beauty planning three months in advance. An alpha beta peel will help with fine lines, even out skin tone, and support all-over skin radiance.
- Exfoliate regularly, but avoid deep exfoliations one week prior to the wedding day.
- A week before, keep your skin hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids.
- If you're planning on spending a lot of time outside on the day of the wedding, wear an oil-free SPF moisturizer, or you might end up looking pink in all of your pictures.
- As soon as you know you want a makeup artist, book a trial run and set your date.
- If you are hiring a professional, reputation is everything. A good makeup artist will be booked every weekend, and will be easy to track down by word of mouth. Hiring a professional makeup artist to create your look can ease your mind and will help you start your day with the confidence that you look amazing.
- Bridal makeup is specifically not about putting on more. Avoid heavy makeup and dark colors. The prettiest looks share a common theme. Sheer foundation should mimic perfect skin, not perfect makeup.
- Lips look great with a peachy pink, but modern brides like brown tones, too. If you are a lip gloss gal, go for a liner to fill your lips, and a gloss in a brown-pink color.
- If you do your own makeup, here are the absolute musts: Face and eyelid primer, waterproof mascara, photography foundation, and translucent powder. You want to watch out for actual color in your eye shadow—it's not a time for blues or violets . . . even pinks are not classic bridal looks.

Wedding-day Beauty

Skincare and makeup are never more important than on the wedding day. To help perfect your look, here are some tips from Rachal Hochstedler, esthetician, and Rebecca Maalouf, owner and lead makeup artist at Camellia, The Makeup Store in Granger.



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