

411 For Your Hair & Make-Up Trial

Every bride should feel nothing short of heart-thumping gratitude and affection for her hair stylists on her big day. Here's the secret to great wedding day hair: Work it all out in trial

Don't rush into it: Schedule your hair trial 2 months before the big day, recommends Annmarie Russo, Master Stylist. If you book it too early in the planning process, changing trends or chronic indecision could lead to second-guessing. All brides are required to do a trial.

Plan a night out the evening of your trial to make sure the style doesn't fall out after an hour or two.

Wash and dry your hair beforehand to avoid spending the majority of your trial getting a blowout. Also hair styles stay better on clean hair.

Wear makeup. You'll be staring at yourself for a few hours, so put your best face forward says makeup director Kate Finnegan. If you can, schedule a makeup trial right before or after your hair trial. Makeup trials are recommended but not required.

Bring Visuals: Marlene Tremarco, Bridal-Group Coordinator, suggests sharing any snapshots or Google Images— anything from a photo of you in your dress to the flowers you'll be carrying. This will help guide your stylist and make-up artist to deliver the look you're trying to achieve.

Don't bring a posse: Ask one or two people you trust to come with you. Too many voices create chaos and second guessing on what YOU like, Tremarco explains.

See What Works: Don't forget to bring the hair accessories (veil, comb, tiara, etc.) you plan on wearing so you can experiment with them. Take photos of your hairstyle from different angles. Also, Russo suggests if you're changing hairstyles or changing hair accessories bring someone that can follow directions on how to do. A trial hairspray is good idea for any touchups needed.