

Some Tips & Ideas

for the “Tropical Bride” at your Beach Wedding:

Getting married in Hawaii is vastly different than getting married in most other places.

In regards to your bridal attire the most important thing to watch out for is to make sure your dress is not too heavy, thick, or warm. Hawaii enjoys a tropical climate year round, so even if you get married on January 1st, chances are that it will be sunny, gorgeous and hot on your wedding day.

So... choose a dress that's airy, thin, and gorgeous of course.

If you worry about getting burned by the sun, choose something that has your shoulders covered to some degree.



Make sure your chosen dress style coordinates with the groom's suit!

Here are our main Tips:

- Choose a dress that's airy and light - you don't want to melt on the beach.
- Though you may be tempted to opt for a short or mid-length wedding dress (it is Hawaii after all and everyone dresses very casual), those dresses tend to look less formal or beautiful in your wedding photos.
- Full length wedding gowns just look stunning at the beach.
- Watch your foot wear! Though wearing stilettos and high heels in the sand makes little sense, flip flops don't look great in your wedding photos. If you can't find cute beachy foot wear, you could opt to go barefoot, or get a pair of those cute bridal barefoot sandals for weddings (available on Amazon).
- Always get your hair done professionally, and opt for an elegant up-do if possible. Hawaii experiences gentle trade winds year round...and you don't want to look like "woof girl" in your photos with your hair all crazy.... just saying....we've seen it all!
- Same is true for make-up. Make sure it holds up to beach conditions.
- Keep it simple and elegant.

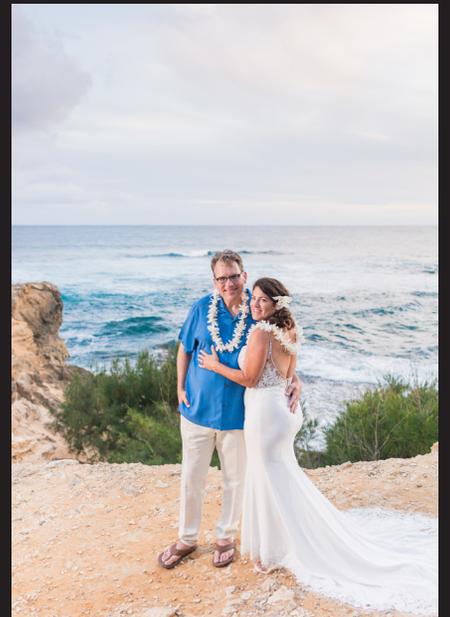
Below are some samples of well dressed brides, just to you give you some ideas...and some where the couple may have kept it too casual. We want you to have the most beautiful wedding pictures possible, and how you dress for your event, makes a huge difference to your photos. We hope you'll find this short guide useful...





Your Choice of Clothes make a huge difference in your Photography!

Ever wondered why some pictures look better than others?
Sometimes it could be as simple as the clothes, and styling of the couple.



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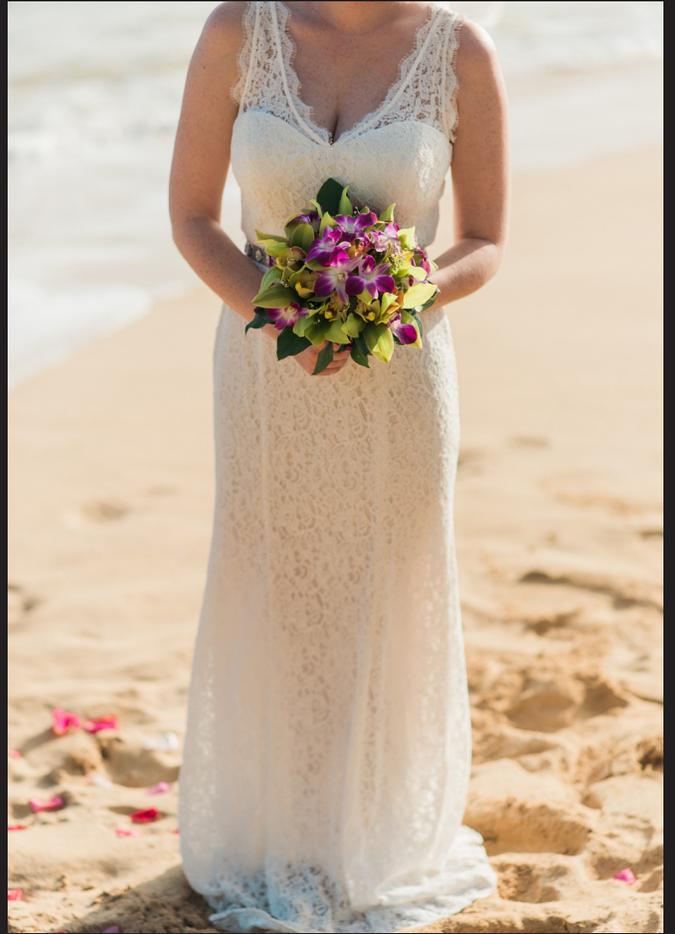
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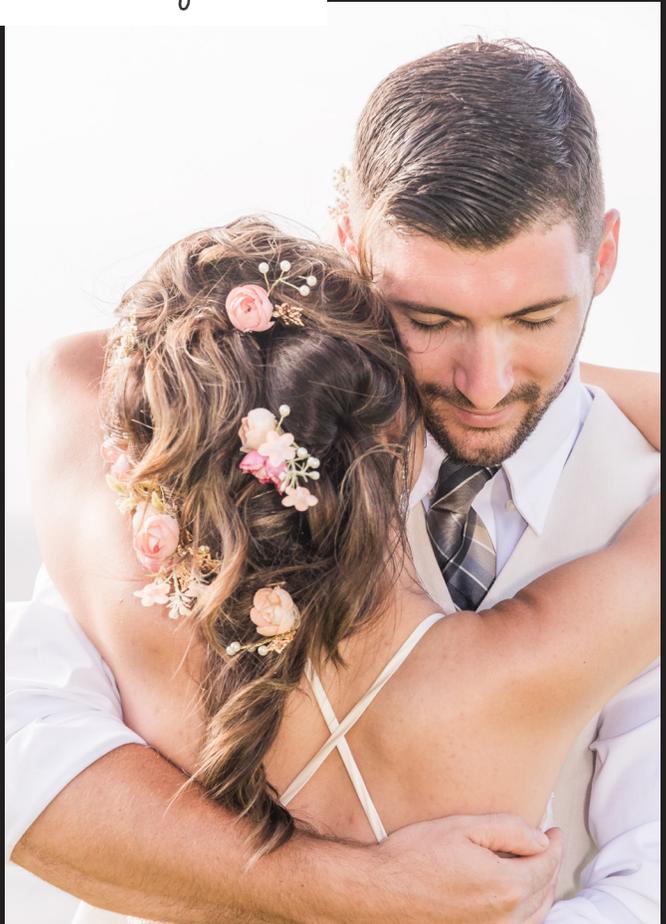


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Let's have a look at *What Not to Do.*

This is strictly meant for educational purposes...

No judgment intended, we all do the best we can, but here are some things to avoid.



Though the groom may be tempted to wear shorts, they are simply not festive enough for your wedding. The same is true for the beach sandals. If he doesn't want to wear dress shoes on the beach it would be better to be barefoot in the photos.





Even though getting married in Hawaii can be a much more casual affair, it's not a great idea to get married wearing a sarong. It is your wedding and we're certain you'll want to have more formal memories...if not now, than 10 or 20 or 30 years from now.

Though you may be tempted to think let's get married in a short wedding dress, think your fashion choices through, you won't have a second chance to repeat the event.





Choose the groom's white shirt to **MATCH** the white of the bride's dress, otherwise you'll get the effect above... The small inset photo shows how it could have been matched better.

Plus...

There's a lot going on with the flowers in this photo. Nothing matches, and it's simply a bit too much. You can see that the bride tried, both she and groom are nicely dressed, but their colors don't match. Then on top of that we have a whole assortment of flowers that don't go together in color, and the groom's blue & black tie only adds to this confusion.

Tip 1:

Keep it simple and elegant. Match your whites! Either choose bright white for both of you, or an off white / creamish white...but make sure that's what **BOTH OF YOU** are wearing. Don't just tell the groom to wear slacks and a white shirt. There are different shades of white, as strange as that sounds.

Tip 2:

Have your fragrant beautiful flowers and wear them in your ceremony... you are in Hawaii after all! But then, take them off for your formal wedding photos.

This way you have the best of both worlds!





Don't go too crazy with color and make sure your colors match. Hawaiian shirts may be too casual in your wedding pictures...





Above:
Too casual we think! What's your take?

Though this was a beautiful dress and the bride looked simply gorgeous, she felt way too hot in the thick material... Match your attire to the beach! Find something light and airy!



Always have the Bride dress the Groom!

Read our PDF on “The Well-Dressed Groom”.

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Aloha from Kauai Island Weddings!

See you soon!

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