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Offbeat advice: Brides in glasses

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Any suggestions for how to "dress up" a bride with eyeglasses? I wear wire rimmed glasses that are a subtle cat-eye shape (can't be too crazy since I work in a hospital) and I can't wear contacts b/c of a medical condition. However, I find that glasses tend to "dress down" any fancy outfit I wear and I never see wedding photos where the bride has glasses. Any experience out there? -Kerith



Seems like there are two strategies you could use for wearing glasses at your wedding:

1. "My frames are a part of my face!" (ie, stick with the glasses you've got)
If you love your frames and feel like they're really part of your face and identity, or are planning a low-key, mellow wedding, stick with the glasses you've got. If you're a make-uppy type, you could go for extra dramatic eye make-up under your usual specs to add some flair. Dude: when was the last time you tried quality fake eyelashes? Bridget Bardot in spectacles anyone?
2. "My frames are part of my wedding outfit!" (ie, get new ones)
Wearing a pair of one-of-a-kind frames that aren't your usuals would make a great visual impact on your wedding — I say go for frames that coordinate with your dress. To be even more daring and dramatic, go for frames that coordinate with your flowers. Let your glasses be an extension of your bouquet: a visual splash! You could also go super light and understated — ie frameless lenses that barely show.

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Hey, I'm Ariel, author of the book *Offbeat Bride: Taffeta-Free Alternatives for Independent Brides*. This blog is just the tip of the iceberg — for the whole story you'll need the book, which is half memoir, half tipster handbook. Read an excerpt, and then get your copy.

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Want to have a geisha and pirate themed pagan wedding? This blog, written by Northwest lass Ariel Meadow Stallings (profiled in last year's Weddings issue) is an alternative for independent, offbeat brides. Offering up "Wedding Porn" (aka pictures and stories from other people's weddings), advice and vendor info, Offbeat Bride isn't just for the freaks. There's some rad stuff like one bride's photobooth "Save the Date" cards.

ECO-CHIC WEDDINGS www.ecochicweddings.com

Everything else these days seems to be turning green, so why not weddings? This is Eugene, after all. Eco-Chic Weddings can help you plan an eco-friendly wedding while still remaining chic and in style. The site includes links to common wedding stuff — fashion, invites, flowers and food — but also treats us to DIY, vintage and eco honeymoons links. Whoever thought green could look this good? Like the creator of Offbeat Bride, Emily Elizabeth Anderson of Eco-Chic Weddings has a book out with the same title as her blog.

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bad day got the best of me

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