

## BRIDAL MARKET PLACE

### Preparing for a Wedding Extraordinaire

For Americans, getting married is a very big deal. In 2008, more than 2 million couples will tie the knot for the first time, spending an average of \$14,000 for festivities to entertain approximately 167 guests. If you're among the brides-to-be this year, you're almost certainly starting to feel stressed with all there is to select, organize and plan before the blessed day arrives. Let CitySmart help ease your nerves with some savvy ideas not only for your dress, shoes and accessories, but also for smart ideas on what gifts to share with your bridal party.

### GOWNS FIT FOR A QUEEN

Bridal gowns of the season abound for every style of occasion – from traditional to extravagant, with swirling silks and strapless satins. Try on as many as necessary until you find the one that makes you feel like the beautiful bride you dreamed of as a child.



MONIQUE LHUILLIER

CHIC PARISIEN  
305 448 7224  
3308 Ponce De Leon  
Coral Gables, FL



RENE RUIZ

RENE RUIZ COUTURE  
305 445 7357  
2700 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Coral Gables, FL



VERA WANG

EVER AFTER  
305 444 7300  
McFarlane Rd.  
Miami, FL

### SCINTILLATING SHOES

Selecting your wedding shoes is nearly as important as your gown because you'll need the best in comfort and style to ensure your tootsies hold out til the last dance of the evening. Their collections feature hand-sewn jewels and Swarovski crystals, rhinestones and beading – as well as embroidery and spectacular heels.



DIKUZA  
www.dikuza.com

### BRIDAL PARTY GIFTS

Show your friends and loved ones in your bridal party just how much you appreciate their participation with these unique tokens of thanks.

#### BRIDESMAIDS



Fountain pens – price varies,  
www.blancdechance.com



Haute Face Palette Collection,  
69.99, www.hauteface.com

#### GROOMSMEN



The Art of Shaving Full  
Size Lavender Kit, \$100,  
www.theartofshaving.com



Fusion Chrome Collection  
Power Razor, \$150,  
www.theartofshaving.com