

Wedding Guest Dresses – How to Glow This Fall



What a lovely project – looking for a dress that you'll look your very best in. That may mean having to dress more conservatively or – if you generally dress demurely – with a little more zest than

normal. The first rule of wedding guest dressing is to never upstage the bride (so white's off). Always check the invitation for dress codes and - if in doubt - ask the bride-to-be about the level of formality and the colour of her and the bridesmaid's dresses (which you shouldn't match). Beyond that, the search for **what to wear to a fall wedding** should be an adventure that ends with you being the next-most-talked-about woman on a very special day.

Fall weddings need special consideration; just like spring, the weather can be temperamental so don't expect bright skies and sunshine. You're also dressing for the whole day including the festivities of the evening. Here are tips on what to wear and how to accessories on any budget.

Formal Budget - [Rewritten](#) Tokyo Dress in Chianti



Tasteful, elegant and suitable for autumn usually means a fulsome and lengthy dress. In terms of colours, deep autumnal reds, [yellows](#) and [browns](#) match the season, but feel free to go with the colours that work best on you. If [black](#)'s your thing stay true to your soul but add lighter accessories. A little [lace](#) or a [high neck](#) can be just as impactful as a mix of shades. And a [chic](#) cut is always good.

Shoes to Match - [Lulus](#) Taylor Camel Ankle Strap Heels



The shoes complement the skin and hair type as well as nodding to autumnal shades, whilst ceding maximum attention to the dress. Tassels and a [higher stiletto heel](#) also suit, although keep in mind

where you'll be walking. If festivities take place under an outdoor marquee or at the end of a long gravel drive, you need something you'll be comfortable in.

Casual Budget - Vanessa Seward x [La Redoute](#) Collections Heart Print Short Dress



Interpreting the line between formal and casual often boils down to matters of length , cut and practicality. Less formal dresses can also more readily incorporate patterns or a mix of colours, while their shorter length and forgiving fit allows you to socialise more easily. [Simplicity](#) gives you more scope with accessories, though the first rule of budget dressing is always upscale and dazzle on jewellery and bags. Embrace [length and those rustic brown colours](#), especially if the wedding has a country setting. It's also fine to add a [cropped cardigan](#),

Hat to Match - [Lulus](#) Rhythm Suffolk Black Hat



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Going all black and wide brimmed here certainly adds to the casual feel, while a bowler would create something a little more formal. Fascinator hats should be avoided (even for a formal wedding) because, let's be honest, they're a slightly cliched way to show you've dressed up.

Formal Prime - [Ulla Johnson](#) Rose Justyne Dress



For those without such strict budgetary concerns, a wedding provides the opportunity to dress (tastefully) to the nines and then some. Ulla Johnson's beautiful pleated and frilled silk creation with gold stripes has the appeal of classic vintage whilst retaining timeless poise (and can still be worn

with a leather jacket and boots later). [Cult Gaia](#) is a label that makes dresses that are oh-so-simple or ravishing in their [originality and daring](#). London based label [Rixo](#) are the go-to-team for a mixture of vibrant colours, stately poise and surprising blends of patterns and prints that has a contemporary take on the swinging sixties vibe. [Satin](#) is another classy and timeless approach to [what to wear to a fall evening wedding](#) as the tone is both subdued but also saturates light beautifully.

Bag to match - [By Far](#) Capria Peach Leather



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A bag is to contrast or compliment, essentially. Here the latter wins out because the Ulla Johnson dress shade compliments the models skin, and the bag in a similar shade but contrasting materials, rounds the look. But black would work equally well to match the model's hair. Earrings are big, bold and like the highlighted elements of dress and bag, [gold](#).

Informal Prime - [Reformation](#) Offset Dress



What makes Reformation such a hot brand right now is not only their commitment to sustainability but, mainly, the fact that they strike a perfect balance between dressing up and down; they're also top off the list when thinking about [what to wear to a fall wedding](#) with their great mix of deep colours and patterns. Length here dictates it's a less formal affair, while the red pattern speaks of fall. [Tularosa](#) is another brand that speaks savvy modernity with a slightly cuter essence, while [Ralph Lauren's Velvet Necktie Dress](#) shows that fine materials and extra flourish can enhance a more casual effect to near formal perfection.

Bag to match - [By Far](#) Rachel Patent Leather Shoulder Bag



A clutch is a must for a wedding and this shoulder strap variant from By Far gives the right amount of impact to match the booted look above, while also offsetting the autumnal reds of the dress. Informal, even at a cost, should never mean sacrificing on making a statement, but do so with a consistency of colour and when it comes to bags, bypass labels - you want everything to point to you in all your loveliness rather than a designer's name, while [snake print leather](#) adds a little more daring.

Putting it all together for that special day

What to wear to fall weddings includes that stunning dress and the accessories that will be complementing or enhancing your look. Start with that main dress item as your base; something that hints at the autumn colours but that is a good match for your hair and eye colour and that shows off your best attributes without being over the top. It's important to think about coordination, so take your dress with you when trying on shoes or bag hunting. It is with these items in gold or black that you can really dazzle because, regardless of the cost, there's no excuse not to.

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