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For the Bride

## Secret Sources

From the wedding dress to honeymoon loungewear and everything in between: here are some special names from our little black book. By Nandita Khanna



**For One-of-a-Kind Jewelry:** When designer **MONIQUE PEAN**'s fiancé proposed to her more than two years ago, there was just one problem: the ring. After scouring antiques stores, Péan, known for her eco-friendly and sustainable baubles, decided to create her own bridal collection featuring one-of-a-kind antique-cut diamonds. The more than 20-piece collection, which also includes a hairpiece and eternity bands, incorporates recycled platinum and gold, and she's happy to work with couples to create custom pieces. "I can relate to how overwhelming all the various decisions can be," says Péan, who tied the knot on New Year's Eve in Cabo San Lucas. "But that's the fun of it. The search for the perfect stone is really exciting." *From \$2,000; 646-370-5409, moniquepean.com.*



**For a Lasting Memento:** For a bridal bouquet that won't wither, consider a silk arrangement from **EMICI BRIDAL**, based in the state of Washington. Owner and designer Marie Conrad will work with brides to come up with a one-of-a-kind design, using hundreds of hand-cut petals and embellishments (crystals, rhinestones, freshwater pearls) affixed by hand to create a lifelike flower bouquet. "It's not just another floral arrangement," Conrad says. "It's an heirloom." *Made-to-order bouquets from \$350 to \$1,600; emicibridal.com.*

**For the Honeymoon Wardrobe:** Brit designer **MATTHEW WILLIAMSON**'s smartly edited capsule collection, fittingly dubbed "Escape," features breezy printed jumpsuits, dresses, and caftans, along with swimsuits and cover-ups, perfect for that well-deserved lounging you'll be doing on your honeymoon. *\$295-\$1,500, matthewwilliamson.com.*

**For Hair and Makeup:** Ford Models, which represents a roster of big-name hairstylists and makeup artists, recently launched **FORD ARTISTS BY APPOINTMENT**—meaning you can have your makeup done by the same artists who've worked for Badgley Mischka and L'Oréal. *Services from \$400, 212-343-5604; fordartists.com.*

**For Styling:** Los Angeles-based stylist Aly Scott and her team of ace shoppers at **STYLECHIC** can do everything from booking dress appointments at super-secret ateliers that use the same fabric mills as Chanel to simply make sure your wedding party is camera-ready on your big day. *From \$175 per hour; 323-806-2626; stylechicla.com.*



**For the Ultimate Dress:** Brides-to-be who book their nuptials at either the Dominican Republic's Punta-cana Resort & Club or Tortuga Bay have more than just a destination wedding to look forward to. Should they choose an Oscar de la Renta gown, they'll also have access to the Dominican Republic native himself for a private fitting. *Puntacana.com.*