



Vrata Hair Design

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With more than 12 years of experience as a stylist, three of those owning my own salon, I have seen my clients--and their hair--through many things. Graduation (first set of highlights), new job (first “professional” haircut), break-ups (make me blonde), you get the picture!

One of the most exciting things for me as a stylist is when a guest walks in the door and announces: “I am engaged!” Let the fun begin. The relationship between a hairstylist and his client is a very important one. Those of you who have had the same stylist for a while can attest to this statement. There is a high level of intimacy between a stylist and her guest, even if you don’t divulge all of your personal information. Maybe you like to just sit and enjoy quietly while you get beautified. We are here to make your life easier and help you feel wonderful inside and out.

Okay, so maybe you have not been lucky enough to find yourself a steady stylist. As you prepare for what is likely to be one of the most significant days of your life, I would like to suggest that this is the time to start asking around. Just as you are looking at different locations for your wedding, the perfect dress, photographer and caterer, you need a special stylist to share this moment with. If you find the right one, they may even be able to point you in the direction of some of the other things on your list. We do, after all, usually speak to a bride almost every Saturday from at least June to October.

Whether you have a stylist or not, I recommend booking a consultation—which should be free of charge—around six months before to discuss your wedding and book the all-important date. A consultation is basically a chance for you to interview your stylist and the salon

Remember, before you get to your salon appointment, it is best to do some research and find pictures of hairstyles you love. This is the most reliable way to communicate with your stylist what your dream hair is for your special day. How much height do you like? What kind of curls do you like? Up? Half up? I know, so many options.

Here are a few helpful tips to make this easier for you when you arrive for your initial consultation:

- How is the customer service? Even on the phone? Will your bride party have a good time here?
- Is your stylist listening to you when you speak? Does she seem genuinely interested and excited about being a huge part of your special day?
- Make sure the stylist is asking you appropriate questions about your dress; your venue; what time your wedding is; how many people in the bridal party, etc. If you are having a quaint, casual, backyard wedding, your hair should be way different than if you are having a very elegant evening wedding.
- Does your stylist seem knowledgeable about what type of style would best suit your face shape and complement your features?
- Can you get your make-up done there so you don’t need to rush around from one place to another?

I feel it is a great honour to be the beginning of such an exciting day. At Vrata Hair Design, we serve a champagne breakfast and close the salon to the members of the bridal party so they can enjoy their time together getting ready for a very busy day. It is a very special day and what better way to kick it off than to sit, relax and have fun with your bridal party, as well as, complete your total look? **fwr**