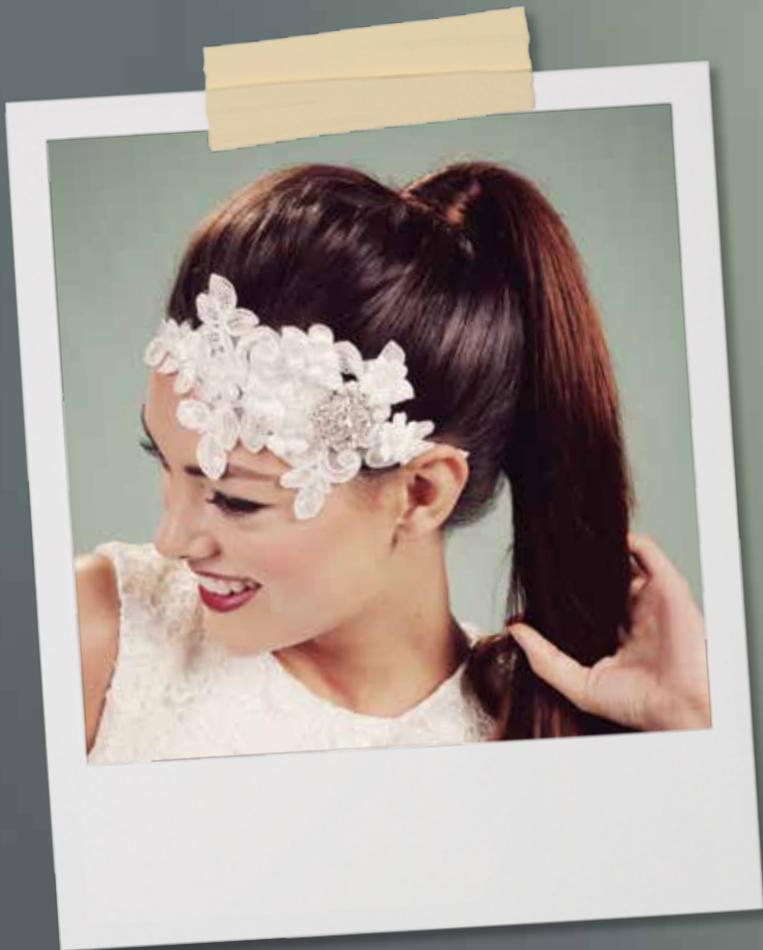


Get over



Forget about boring
or over-the-top updos!
Try these on-trend
upswept styles to add
a gorgeous modern
twist to bridal hair

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Short lace dress, R1 500,
White Lilly Bridal. Floral
headband, R160, Lovisa.

Polished ponytail

A classic pony is the quickest way to give longer hair a pulled together look. Add a little height at the crown to take the look from schoolgirl to sultry sophisticate. This look works best with long, thick and healthy-looking hair. It also allows you to be more dramatic with your make-up, so feel free to play up your eyes.

TOPTIP: If you have a fringe, don't wear it as you usually would; rather pin it back to create some height on the top of your head.

TOOLKIT: Trevor Sorbie Straight Protect & Shine Spray, R120, helps remove kinks, allowing your iron to glide down your hair more easily. Marc Anthony Oil of Morocco Argan Oil Dry Styling Oil, R130, helps fight dullness and frizz.

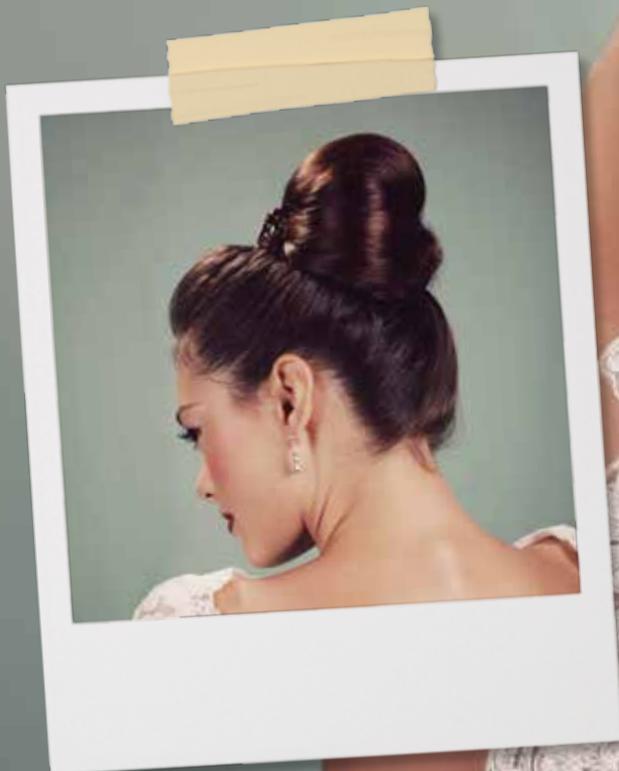
Silk dress with three-quarter sleeves, R23 000, White Lilly Bridal. Diamante drop earrings, R100, diamante hair slide, R230, both Lovisa.

The princess bun

This look is simple, classic and easy to create. Buns have always been, and will always be, a hair trend staple. Make sure you have a full or big bun that takes up a large part of your head – if you don't have enough hair for a big bun, fake it! Use a bun ring and don't twist your hair too tightly as you wrap it around to make the bun.

TOP TIP: For a bridal touch tie a ribbon or set jewels or clips around your bun.

TOOLKIT: Sebastian Mousse Forte, R359, is a multifunctional product that offers hold as well as UV and heat protection. Philip Kingsley Weatherproof Hairspray, R280, will keep your style locked in, even if it's humid or misty outside.





Diamante top, R1 200,
White Lilly Bridal.
Wispy feather clip,
R160, Lovisa.



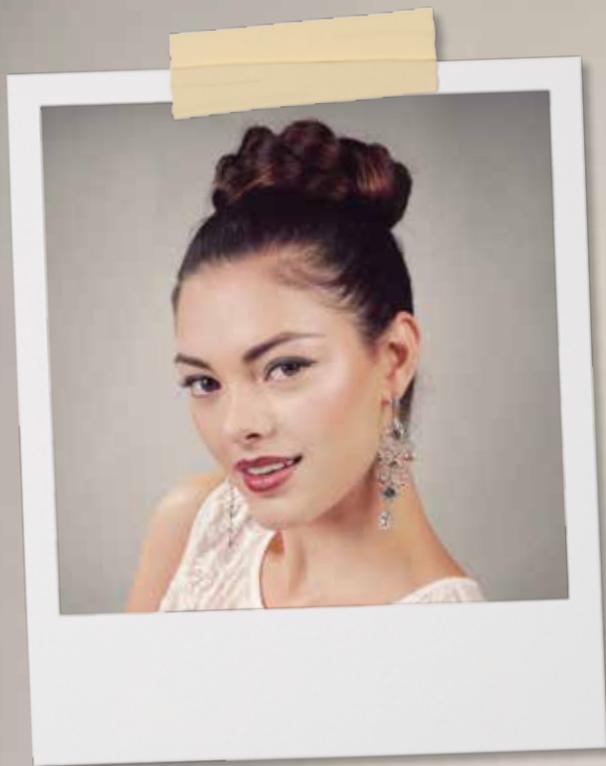
The modified chignon

Instead of being secured to the middle of your head like a bun, the chignon sits at the nape of your neck. To create the chignon loop simply tie your hair into a low ponytail, then, without twisting your pony, gather the ends of your hair and wrap them around your elastic band, securing them underneath your pony. Use a bobby pin to fasten a piece of hair over the elastic to hide it. Spruce up this

look by adding jewelled slides or clips.

TOPTIP: Make sure you iron your hair straight a day before your wedding to keep the chignon looking sleek.

TOOLKIT: Pantene Heat Defence Gloss Spray, R57, protects your hair from the intense heat of your iron and gives you a polished finish. Trevor Sorbie Styling Firm Hold Hairspray, R120, will keep any stray hairs in place.



Topknot

This style puts a formal spin on the basic bun without compromising its simple elegance. Your hair is completely swept away from your face and is fastened securely to your head – making it perfect for an outdoor wedding, no matter what the weather is like. To add a bit of excitement to your knot, plait your pony before wrapping it around your elastic and securing it in place.

TOP TIP: Day-old hair works best as this will stop your hair from slipping down.

TOOLKIT: Freestyle Hair Elastic, R13 for 10, will keep your high pony in place. Marc Anthony Oil of Morocco Argan Oil Volume Shine Hairspray, R140, will keep this style intact and nourish your hair at the same time.

Top, model's own.

Diamante swirl drop earrings, R160, Lovisa.



This look requires quite long hair as you are braiding from the crown around the head, says make-up artist and stylist Sam Scarborough

Feather-textured top, R900, White Lilly Bridal. Flower circlet, R270, Lovisa.



Pretty plaits

What's not to love about braids? They are the perfect marriage of gentle femininity and subtle sophistication. Braids offer texture without stressing your hair and are a beautiful way to keep your hair up and off your face without looking too severe. For the perfect wedding updo, choose a braided style that starts at your temples and travels down to the nape of your neck. Entwine the braided strands or tuck them into each other and secure the loose ends with hairclips for a gorgeous

finish. Add some flowers, jewelled hair clips or beads to your braid for a more glamorous look.

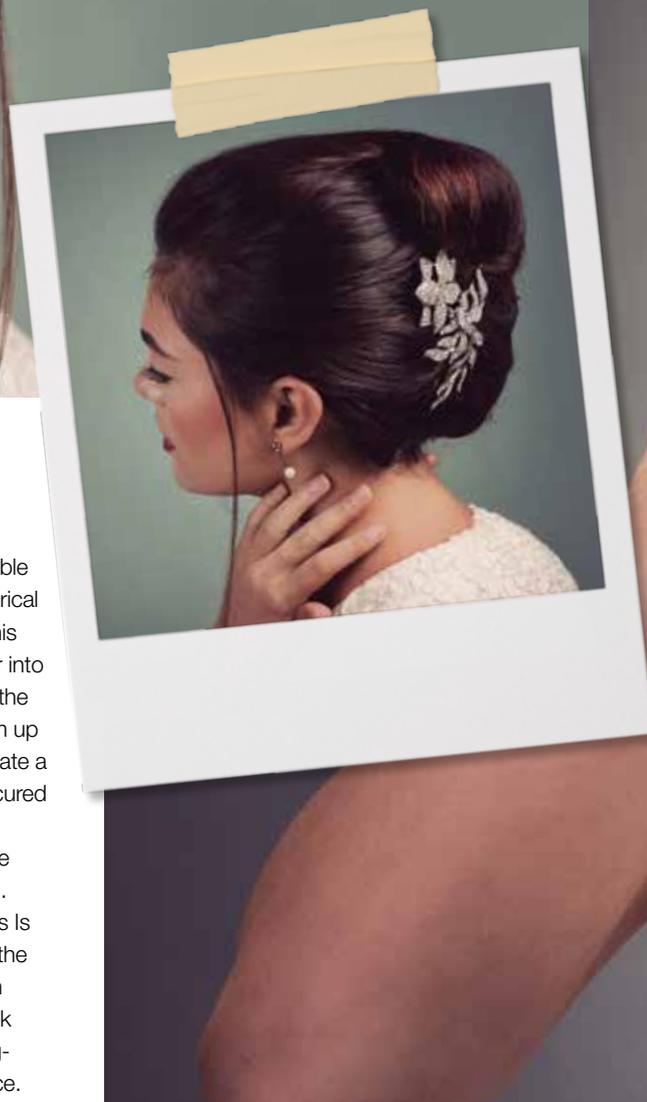
TOP TIP: To make your braids look fuller, tug at the braided loops to loosen them and make them seem thicker.

TOOLKIT: Freestyle Hair Pins, R13 for 20, will help you secure your braids. Apply Label.m Soft Wax, R320, to your hair before you start braiding to help keep the plait intact – especially if you have layered hair.



'It's easier to pull out pieces if the hair is quite textured. One or two pieces are enough,' says Scarborough

1950s long lace wedding dress with short sleeves, R9 500, White Lilly Bridal. Pearl drop earrings, R1 600, Lorean Jewellery at White Lilly Bridal. Hair accessory, R270, Lovisa.



The French twist

Nothing screams classic updo quite like a French roll – but forget about the neat and tidy versions of times gone by, this year the French roll has a messy twist to it. Hair is loosely gathered, rolled into a long bun and secured with all things pretty – think flowers, jewelled clips and slides.

TOP TIP: This style works best on brides with shoulder-length hair.

TOOLKIT: Wella Professional Create Character, R259, is a texturising spray which is used to enhance the texture of your hair. Use Label.m Shine Spray, R240, for hold and to add shine for the prettiest finish.

Fresh sides

This easy style is as modern as it is timeless. The low-swept curls resemble a classic chignon, while an asymmetrical silhouette lends a flirty vibe. To get this look, smooth the top half of your hair into a side chignon. Loosely tong or curl the ends of your hair and then twist them up and secure them into your pony. Create a long, sweeping side fringe that is secured behind your ear.

TOP TIP: Don't force or structure the curl too much as this looks outdated.

TOOLKIT: Davines More Inside This Is A Strong Dry Wax, R290, offers just the right amount of texture and definition for this look. Kadus Professional Lock Finishing Spray, R184, provides long-lasting hold to keep your style in place.



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