

"Make me the best dressed wedding guest"

Lasra Long (32)

Lasra works full-time and lives with her partner. She's currently doing exams for a nightcourse and is looking forward to going to her friend's wedding at the end of this month as it'll give her a real chance to let her hair down. She'd like some advice on what kind of outfit will make her the best dressed wedding guest and we were only too happy to help! *By Aisling Kennedy*

All about me...

- I only wear a dress twice or three times a year so I'd love some advice on which colours and shape would suit me.
- Once the dress looks nice and I'm comfortable I'll be happy.
- I'd like some advice on my hair too. I have hair just past my shoulders and I've never done anything too drastic so I'd like to try some kind of new style.

BEFORE

The lowdown:

CLOTHES: "I like to wear boots, leggings and woolly tops day to day and I wear nice dressy tops and jeans when I go out on the weekends. I'd like some advice on buying dresses and knowing what suits me because I'm not used to buying dresses and wearing them all the time."

HAIR: "I have blonde highlights at the moment but I'd like to get an opinion on something different. I have hair just past my shoulders so I'd like to get a trim and a colour, something with a bit more style."

MAKE-UP: "I only really wear make-up when I'm going out. I don't wear any during the day usually because I have good enough skin. I'd put some on for the weekend though."

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THE EXPERTS



FASHION STYLIST

ANNE KEANE

"Lasra has great shoulders so I picked this dress because of its flattering neckline. Lasra has defined arms also which is highlighted in this dress. The fabric falls beautifully to the front of the dress which is great for hiding any lumps or bumps. Also the hem falls at the perfect length to show off the most flattering part of the leg. This dress would be great for a wedding or black tie event teamed with a diamante purse and a pair of chandelier earrings." Anne is our make-over queen here in *Woman's Way* and as well as styling for us, she also styles fashion editorials for most Irish publications, fashion shows and fashion TV programmes.



HAIR STYLIST

GERALDINE ETHERSON

"Lasra had her hair long and highlighted for years and fancied a change. So after our consultation I decided to give her a new funkier style. I thought it would suit her if I graduated it high at the back and dropped severely towards the front. Colour-wise as it was highlighted before she decided to go for an all over honey blonde. So I put some nice bright chunky slices through the sides to give it more texture." Geraldine is the Head Stylist and co-owner of the Temple Hair and Beauty Lounge in Dublin. To book an appointment contact the Temple Hair and Beauty Lounge, Main Street, Templeogue, Dublin 6W, tel: 01 490 2000



MAKE-UP ARTIST

MARGARET HEFFERNAN

"Lasra has beautiful skin and didn't need too much foundation. I used a translucent powder to set the foundation and help it last. I chose cream, taupe and copper colouring for her eyes. I then added a little gold shimmer for that extra wow factor. I also gave her a more glamorous look by adding black gel liner and lots of black mascara for the wedding. A subtle sweep of blusher did the trick on her cheeks and I used a strong lip colour again in keeping with the glamour of the dress and the upcoming event." Margaret is a freelance make-up artist who has worked and trained under exclusive skincare and make-up ranges. She has over six years experience in the industry. For more info, tel: 087 211 8793 or log onto www.make-up-magic.com



The result:

"I felt like a model for the day and I loved it! I had a great day and I love my new look. I think my hair looks lovely and it'll be easier to manage now too. I said I'd go the whole hog and get it cut and it looks lovely. I wonder what my friends and boyfriend will think! I'd definitely wear the dress to the wedding. I love the colour and the style of it so it's definitely the type of dress I'd go for. I really like my make-up too. It's similar to what I'd wear myself. It's subtle but lovely. I'm going to look for the foundation because it blended into my skin beautifully. So it was a brilliant day all round."

Get the look...

- Blue chiffon dress with diamante beading (€185) from **Monsoon**
- Blue satin peep toe shoes (€85) from **Monsoon**
- Bangles (€25) from **Monsoon**

AFTER

IT COULD BE YOU!

Is there an event coming up that you would like our help with? Do you have a wardrobe of clothes but can never find anything to wear? Why not let us help! Please remember to include a daytime telephone number and photo. Write to *Make Me Over*, *Woman's Way*, Rosemount House, Dundrum Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14 or email akennedy@harmonia.ie