

Bridal **MAKEOVER GUIDE**

Plus Terms & Conditions + Contract



Styling Tips

The Outfit

- You may have a style/ cut/ colour in mind before you go shopping but the key to choosing the perfect outfit is to be “open-minded” – usually the one you would never go for is the one you end up buying. Try on outfits/colours you don’t like, you may be surprised..!
- Pick the right colour for your skintone. You shouldn’t look washed out. Your events / décor is all planned around YOU and YOUR outfit not the other way around..
- It is **very important** to consider having a **full back zip** in your outfit as opposed to a side one. Why..? It makes life so much easier as you should be able to slip in and out of your outfit with ease and instead of it going over your head. This also helps if you need to make a quick trip to the bathroom..!
- When going to dress trials and fittings try **sitting down/ bending over/ hugging** and check you are not bulging out from the top/ cleavage. Body tape will not work or hide things..! Also check the length of your dress whilst sitting down.

Jewellery

- This could make or break your overall look. Pick something that is suitable. Remember your jewellery should not overpower you or your outfit unless you desire it to.
- Budget separately for your jewellery..! The quality of your jewellery is really important, do not skimp on it. Avoid plastic looking pieces. Glass diamonds have a better esthetic.
- Check and TRY all pieces of jewellery on BEFORE your big day – especially the earrings and nose ring..! These are often a headache..!
- Head/ Hair jewellery is also very important. You need to ensure that the size of the piece is in proportion to the size of your head..
 - For example: people with small foreheads need to stay away from big pieces that sit on that space and also avoid matta pattis with double/ triple chains. This will not work.

Choosing a hotel

If you are getting ready at a Hotel there are a few things you should consider.

- Pick a hotel close to your venue. If you're having pictures there, ensure the exterior AND interior surroundings are picturesque or suit the theme you want, british weather cannot be relied upon.
- Request a room with large windows or lots of daylight.
- If you are financially able to then book a suite with a separate living room – Your hubby will thank me for this 😊 We can get you ready in the living room whilst he can carry on sleeping without being disturbed. It just allows a bit of privacy. I would ask that where this is not possible please can your husband be clothed.
- If you book in advance you should be able to get a very good discounted rate for bigger suites.
- Be aware of the additional charges: i.e. parking charges for city centre hotels.

General tips in preparing for your big events

- Start working on your skincare regime
- **If you have problem skin also look at your diet and make improvements if needed. Increase your water intake.**
- Hair Advice: It is best to start growing out any fringes/ layers, feathering you may have. Yes, have trims but do not have any drastic hair cuts until after the wedding. I recommend using a natural oil to condition your hair and scalp for 30min twice a week from now.
- **Don't forget to exfoliate your lips. A baby toothbrush works wonders.**
- When ordering outfits tell a white lie about your dates..! I would say at least a month before your actual wedding day..!
- **Dont skimp on your jewellery..! Budget separately for this.. ! Don't leave it to the last minute.**
- If you are having 'getting ready' shots then make sure you have everything already laid out. Some brides have a box prepared for the photographer with their invites, perfume, jewellery, pretty props that the photographer can use. A wooden hanger is always great, it doesn't have to be fancy.
- **Make sure you factor in an extra 30min in your schedule from the point I have finished to you being ready to leave..**
- Please note: I don't help with nails..! nail polish or stick ons.
- **Your phone will be a distraction – if you can hand it to someone to deal with your calls please do so. If I have to stop for every msg / call it will only delay you being ready on time.**
- If you have blonde/ caramel highlights you may need to provide your own extensions as it is sometimes difficult to match an exact shade from a picture
- **Make sure you try your Asian jewellery on especially the earrings as they sometimes don't fit your natural piercings. Avoid nose rings that do not have a nose ring clip.**
- A thin sandwich bag is really useful for slipping bangles on instead of cream.
- **During your fitting, if the zip is flimsy or difficult to zip up/down you really need to ask them to replace it. If you are having problems at the fitting, the chance of it breaking on the day is high.**
- If going to the park for pictures its useful to have your own assistant to help with your dress.
- **Make sure the cars you will be using for transport can fit your dress in. If you have a big dress then try to avoid small sports cars.**
- If you are in hired cars then make sure you have something covering the seat, the embroidery from Asian outfits can ruin the leather which may result in loss of deposit.
- I know its fun with family & friends and you are all having a ball but seriously plan some sleep into your wedding week. Sleep deprivation is real and dehydrates your skin and sometimes causes breakouts. You want to enjoy your events rather than struggling to stay awake.
- **DO NOT WAX YOUR FACE DURING WEDDING WEEK. $\frac{9}{10}$ girls suffer a from a reactions, rashes or a face full of small pimples.**

What to pack in your overnight suitcase

Double check you have everything you need for the walima/reception if you are having one.

Ensure your case and all the bit and pieces are packed away at least 2 days before the wedding and not on the day. Yes, there will be last minute things that need to be packed on the day but I recommend you have someone on hand to help you do this. Use the list below to tick things off as you pack.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK AFTER YOUR MAKEOVER – BENDING DOWN ON THE FLOOR IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO LOOK AFTER YOUR HAIR AND HEAD JEWELLERY

- Outfit & Undergarments & pyjamas
- All Jewellery pieces
- Shoes
- Perfume
- A good facewash, eye makeup remover and moisturizer (or regular skincare)
- Comb / Brush
- Toothbrush
- Makeup cleanser and wipes
- Pain Killers
- Snacks i.e. crisps, chocs, biccies (you will be hungry after your wedding)
- Needle and Thread matching to your outfit
- Phone Charger
- Large Safety Pins
- A robe/ pair of clothes that are easy to remove and ideally don't go over the head during your makeover

Wedding Day Checklist

- Clean/ Tidy room if you are planning to have 'getting ready' pictures
- If you have new / light carpets, please have a floor covering to protect it
- Outfit / Veil Ironed and laid out.
- Jewellery / Bangles, Rings
- Big Safety Pins
- Large Towel
- Needle and Thread matching to your outfit
- Shoes/ Sandals
- Perfume/ Deodorant
- You will need to make sure any storage boxes / suit bags are packed away as you will need them when you take everything off.
- Medium Sized Mirror
- Preferably a High Back Chair/ Bar Stool (i.e. a dining chair)
- Extension cable if there is no plug socket near to where you will be sitting
- A Table or space to put my kit on
- Phone Charger
- Pain Killers
- Lip Brush & Container
- Powder Brush
- Concealer
- Pencil Eye Liner (black or white)
- Lipstick similar to what you will be using



What to do on the day? Before Shafika arrives

- This is VERY important. Have your hair blow dried the day **BEFORE**. Please do NOT wash your hair prior to my arrival or on the morning of the event, as this will severely alter the quality of the style chosen. Having your hair blow dried will allow for your hairs natural oils to develop, it will be easier to style and reduces static/ flyaway hair.
- Rub your face with ice 15 minutes prior to me arriving. This will help to tighten pores, freshen up your skin, reduce puffiness and aid a flawless finish. Don't forget to moisturise after this.
- Ensure you have cleansed, toned and moisturized before I arrive. This prepares the skin for a flawless makeup and minimizes breakout.
- Be ready to sit down when I arrive with your outfit ON including any bangles, necklaces etc. The makeover only includes dressing of the head jewellery / veil NOT your outfit/ dress. The client should undertake any dressing required **BEFORE** I arrive.
- Eat/ drink/ use the bathroom/ have a shower before the makeover. I suffer from 'misophonia' which basically means I find it extremely difficult to concentrate when someone is crunching and would need to leave the room whilst you finish.
- Please clear a table/desk/ suitable area for me to put my kit on. There should also be a chair (for your own comfort a dining chair with a high back would be ideal), a medium sized mirror, adequate lighting, a nearby plug socket or extension wire.
- Please be punctual – if you are not ready as the per the T&C's you are taking away time from YOUR beautifying process.

SUPER TIPS:

- Have an assistant. Somebody that will be around to help you and run around for you
- Delegate morning jobs before the wedding day. Make lists for family/friends so they can get on with it and leave you alone.
- Make sure the room you are getting ready in is clean, the bed is made, no clutter. If you are having 'getting ready' shots this will really help your photographer get fabulous pics.
- Your wedding vendors should have alternative numbers to call. They shouldn't be calling you whilst you're in prep mode – it does become stressful.

During the Wedding

To keep yourself looking fresh throughout your day or if you will be planning pictures for after the wedding then you will need a few things to keep you looking amazing...!

- Powder Brush
- **Translucent Powder** if you have oily skin
- Eyeliner (black/brown or white) – its better to have a pencil liner for quick touch ups.
- **Lipstick & Gloss** matching to what you decide to have.
- Eyelash glue (just in case)
- **Concealer**
- Mini Can/ Travel size hairspray
- **A few grip pins/ bun pins**
- Tissues – make sure you have quick access to tissues for those tears

BRIDAL TERMS & CONDITIONS + CONTRACT

MAKEOVER TERMS & CONDITIONS / CONTRACT

No variation or modification of this contract shall be effective unless accepted by both parties in writing.

By paying a deposit you will be entering a legally binding contract which shall be adhered to. The agreement will be between the 'Client' and 'Shafika Sodawala' henceforth referred to as 'Shafika'. Receipt of deposit will constitute as agreement of this document.

DEPOSITS

- A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit fee will be taken to secure your booking for the specified DATE and TIME in a confirmation email sent by Shafika.
- In any case where a deposit has not been taken and Client has been sent a confirmation email the Client is still liable to make FULL payment.

CANCELLATIONS & AMENDMENTS

- The Client has entered into this legally binding agreement and in the event of cancellation for ANY reason will be liable to pay full payment as detailed in confirmation email including loss of deposit at the discretion of Shafika. (this includes COVID related cancellations)
- Amendments to agreed dates/ times will only be undertaken at the discretion of Shafika. A date/ time change fee MAY apply. This will range between £50 - £100.
- For group bookings - if the original number of clients requiring hair and /or makeup decreases -this will result in loss of deposit fee and Client will be required to compensate for loss of earnings.

TRAVELLING & PARKING

- A travel fee will be applied to the final amount depending on the location. This will be transparent at the time of booking.
- Shafika reserves the right to increase the travel fee based upon current fuel prices.
- Where parking fees are incurred, this will be billable to the client.
- It is the clients responsibility to ensure adequate parking is available and there is reasonable access to the location of the makeover.

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BOOKING TIMES & DELAYS

- The confirmation email specifies a start and end time as agreed by the client. For ANY reason if the Client is not ready to start at the specified time additional charges may apply. For any significant delays I reserve the right to cancel the booking. Any deposits will be forfeited.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

- Clients will be responsible for informing and ensuring that the photographer/ videographer does not impede the makeover time. You should inform them of the makeover time slot. There should be no stoppages for 'fake' footage until makeover is complete and time permits unless they prefer to adopt a natural/documentary capture.
- The Client agrees to release Shafika from any delay implications due to photography / videography.

LIABILITY

- All brushes and makeup products used are kept sanitary and are sanitized between every makeup application. Makeup products used are hypoallergenic. Any skin condition/ allergies should be reported by the client prior to application.
- Client(s) agree to release Shafika and assistants from liability from any skin complications due to allergic/ sensitivity reactions, including any makeup trial sessions.
- Shafika will aim to be 100% punctual, she cannot be held liable for factors outside of her control.

PAYMENT

- Any final balance is due 1 week prior. There will be no exceptions to this.
- Payment will be taken **before** we commence makeover.
- Failure to provide payment at the correct time will result in termination of the booking and any previous deposits will be lost. Client will be liable to compensate the full amount.

USE OF IMAGES

- All photographs, video, audio, and any other digitally stored media that is captured or recorded by Shafika/ Assistant will remain the property of Shafika and will be sorted and used as part of a portfolio including social media.
- Shafika reserves the right to use them in any marketing activities as per the 1988 Copyright, Design and Patent Act UK.

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- In the event Client does not wish for images to be used on social media sites, this needs to be **confirmed** in writing at time of booking.

TRIALS

- Trials are held at Shafika's location within Manchester unless otherwise agreed.
- Trials may be cancelled if client is not punctual.
- Trials sessions will not exceed 3 hours for hair and makeup.
- Trial availability will only be on weekends during UK school term dates.

MAKEOVER LOCATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Location of service for the day-of-event will be at the discretion of the client, but there are certain requirements Shafika Sodawala needs to complete the makeovers.
- A location will be required at time of booking.
- A table/desk is required to put kit on. There should also be a chair, a medium sized mirror and adequate lighting.
- There must be only yourself and Shafika in the room, with minimal disturbance from others.
- The client agrees to ensure hair is blow dried the day/ night before.
- The Client should Eat/ drink/ have a shower before Shafika arrives.
- No use of phones is permitted during the makeup part of the makeover
- The Client agrees to be ready to sit down when Shafika arrives with outfit on including bangles, necklaces etc. The makeover only includes head jewellery/ veil. The client should undertake any dressing required before the start time.