

# Weddings **InStyle**

## 50 Perfect Dresses

**GOWN GIVEAWAY!**

Head-to-toe looks for you and your party. (No Purchase Necessary)

*Flawless Makeup Tricks*

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WHERE TO SHOP, HOW TO SAVE

**132 IDEAS THAT ONLY LOOK EXPENSIVE**

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New Bride  
Jaime Pressly

### Plan It! **STATIONERY**

## Don't Forget...

...to express your gratitude! You may be tempted to tweet your thank-yous, but **handwritten notes** are the only way to go

Offset printing on recycled paper, Embellished Ink, \$14/6; embellished ink.com.

Letterpress on bamboo paper, Smock, \$14/6; smock paper.com.

Letterpress on cotton rag paper, Elum Designs, \$100/100; elum designs.com.

Digital printing on recycled paper, Delphine, \$293/100 with printed envelopes; delphine press.com.

Gold-plated pen, Cartier, \$445; 866-747-5800 for stores.

Letterpress on cotton paper, Press New York, \$950/100 with printed envelopes; pressnewyork.com for information.

**What to buy** You can order custom thank-you notes as a part of your invitation suite or buy boxed sets from a stationery store. Either way, keep the design uncomplicated so the focus is on your message. Most experts recommend choosing a simple style that showcases your new married last initial. A card that features both of your first names is another option you'll be able to use forever.

**What to write** The first rule of etiquette? No cookie-cutter sentiments! "Your guests were there for a momentous day, and they deserve something sincere," says Sharyn Kennedy Amoroso, founder of Eti-kits.com. Reference moments you shared with them at the wedding, and be specific about the gift. When thanking someone for money, say how you plan to use it, whether putting it toward a new home or a romantic dinner.

**When to send** Start writing as soon as gifts begin arriving. "Sending a thank-you within two weeks of receipt is ideal, but within two months is still acceptable," says Amoroso.

**TOP TIP** Only the person penning the note should sign it. Instead, reference your spouse in the body of the message. ("John and I love the wineglasses!")