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**Y**es, spring is about to start. But the buzz won't be coming just from the bees circling the fabulous gardens in Georgetown. This year's real buzz has to do with weddings, weddings, weddings! And we've spotted some of the style trends to watch for 2006.

### Bridesmaids: Wallflowers No More

Say goodbye to overly matchy-matchy and hello to sexy. The type of flowers we're expecting at weddings these days are the kind delivered by florists. Not wallflower bridesmaids. Thus, we hope for the end of poofy unflattering dresses, shiny unflattering fabrics that resemble plastic tablecloths, and oversized bows strategically placed on the butt. What a great time to be a bridesmaid – we might actually be able to wear the dresses again. For a new look, stop by Hitched (1523 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, 202-333-6162), where

they will be pleasantly surprised with tasteful and unique dresses. The store boasts a surprisingly inspiring inventory of wedding dresses. Or, for classical elegance, try Vera Wang Bridal Boutique at Saks Jandel (2522 Virginia Ave., NW; 202-337-4200), where some of the bridesmaid dresses are so opulent they could, if purchased in white, also double for simple wedding gowns.

Wedding parties are also getting bigger. Six to ten bridesmaids is not uncommon. With so many body sizes, shapes, and coloring, try for the same color of dress in different lengths. Or pair your bridesmaids in groups of two in different col-



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ors. We recommend looking at the Jenny Yoo Collection ([www.jenny-yoo.com](http://www.jenny-yoo.com), or try heading for a trunk show in New York). This designer has great "pairing" of different types of dresses.

### Bridal Glow Without the "Orange" – Achieving Perfect Honeymoon Legs

If you haven't made it to the beach before your wedding, and are trapped at your desk, what to do? Well, no worries, this season, paler "dewy natural glowing" skin is in. So how can we fake tan to achieve enough "glow" without looking fake tanned? Yes, we realize the paradox. This fake-without-being-fake look is just like buying the perfect pair of new-but-intentionally-used-looking ripped jeans.... To achieve the ultimate glowy look, check out Glow, where the lowest level spray is pretty convincingly natural. (1334 Wisconsin Ave NW, 202-338-4569).

All you have to do is stand in a telephone-booth sized room in your underpants (or go bare) while a hose shoots out a mist. You should rub the towel in circular motion so it is not streaky and doesn't turn you orange in spots. It costs under \$30 and lasts about a couple days. If you are a "do it yourselfer," head to Sephora and



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try "Bloom's Aloha Body Shimmer Cream," which uses mica to even out the glow with just a hint of pigment (\$20 at 3065 M St NW, 202-338-5644). Be sure to try out any treatment at least a month before your wedding, so that you don't have any unwelcome surprises – like, gasp, an unsightly rash on your legs! – on your big day. That's not the rosy we're talking about.