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What to Do When You Hate What Your Groom Wants to Wear

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So your groom wants to wear an all white suit on your wedding day and all you can picture is Colonel Sanders standing at the end of the aisle? Before you jump the gun and tell him there's no way in hell he's rocking any such getup, try a gentler technique that won't leave his ego feeling bruised and may even result in a change of heart (woohoo!). Relationship expert and author April Masini offers three different tools to pull out of your pocket when you're just not that into his style.

Win him over with flattery

The old saying, you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar, definitely isn't something you should disregard, particularly in a situation like this, says Masini. "It makes a lot of sense, and it costs you nothing to butter him up and see if you can get him in the mood to consider your option." To do so, she recommends saying something along the lines of, *"You're so handsome honey, and you look hot in everything you wear. I really like that, but I just think you'd look to die for in this tuxedo I picked out. Would you mind trying it? I'm going to have put myself on ice if you do because I know it's going to be over the top sexy on you!"*

Strike a deal

According to Masini, deal making is one of the best tools you can have in a marriage. For it to work however, you must be prepared to be just as generous as he's willing to be, she warns. "In other words, if it doesn't feel like you're sacrificing too, it isn't a good deal." So how do you get the conversation started? Here's what she suggests: *"I know you love that plaid tuxedo babe, but it's not the way I figured we'd get married. Is there something I can trade you for not wearing it?"* Then let the negotiations begin.

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Decide to simply let it go

You win some and you lose some, so first ask yourself if this is a battle that's really worth fighting. "Marriage is the melding of two people, two styles and, in some cases, two sets of clothing sensibilities," points out Masini. "Can you find it in your heart to marry someone who's awesome and wants to wear something you hate to the wedding? Can you conjure up your sense of humor and imagine that one day you may have little kids together, who have that same sense of style?" After all, it's often better to embrace your differences and learn to live with them, than to stifle something that's possibly not a true deal breaker, she notes.

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