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# Dazzling 'Dos

Say yes to the hair and makeup of your dreams at One Salon & Bridal Co.

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**W**eddings celebrate love and commitment to your spouse — they symbolize a special, monumental day for everyone involved. But for One Salon & Bridal Co. in downtown St. Charles, it's not just about the day of the wedding that matters.

"It's about forming a relationship," says owner Ami Christianson, adding her team is "not just there to get the job done."

One Salon & Bridal Co. offers hair and makeup styling for the entire bridal party: bride, bridesmaids, mothers of the bride and groom, flower girls and beyond. The salon recently earned a 2021 Best of the Knot award, which puts the company in the top 5% of wedding vendors nationwide. "It means everything," Christianson says of the award. "It comes down to the brides and their level of satisfaction."

The process starts with a consultation and trial makeup and hairstyle, which might involve extensions, a cut or color. Bring pictures of what you envision, Christianson advises, noting that elegant, timeless hairstyles and more natural, clean makeup looks are trending. The bride and one or two guests get a private studio — picture one stylist working on makeup while another does your hair. The bride "feels like a movie

star," says Christianson, laughing. "We have a lot of fun."

Plan for up to two hours for the trial, then consider planning something afterward: You can showcase your look at a dress fitting, bachelorette party or wedding shower rather than just doing chores or a grocery run.

There's no travel needed on the big day, either; the styling team comes to you, whether that's at a house, venue or otherwise. Brides love the comfort and convenience of having the team on location, Christianson says, adding that her team has strict COVID-19 protocols in place and that everyone has been cautious.

But even before pandemic-related health measures, the team at One Salon & Bridal Co. has prioritized clean makeup products. Christianson only uses products from Canada or Europe, which have banned more ingredients that could be potentially harmful. This minimizes any chance for skin reactions and promotes overall health for her clients.

Christianson, who has worked with brides for 35 years, says she's proudest of her team's ability to build relationships, which extend past the wedding day to other life moments that might need professional hairstyling. "It's an honor to be part of that," she says.



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