

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***Why is my finish time so early before my ceremony time?***

We plan our finish time around your photographer's arrival time. Photographers typically arrive 1.5-2 hours before your ceremony (3-4 hours earlier if you're doing a first look) in order to get photos of you getting ready, getting into your dress, robe shots, etc. Also, things start getting a little crazy around that time as you are pulled away to answer questions from your girls, photographer, florist. It's very difficult to get things done perfect and timely once that starts happening. Plus, you want to be looking as close to fabulous as possible once the photographer arrives!

## ***Should the bride go first or last?***

Many people think that the bride should go last for receiving services on the day of the wedding, but we actually prefer the bride to go first. This is so we have the most time to spend on the bride.

If we leave the bride for last and anything is running behind, guess who we end up rushing on? Yup, you! Our preference is when we arrive, to 'set' the bride's hair in curls and then prep a few attendants and then bring the bride back to finish her hair and makeup first so she is ready when the photographer arrives. Then we will finish 1 or 2 attendants at the end. As mentioned above, it is important that the brides are finished, or just doing their final finishing touches, when the photographer arrives so you look flawless and fabulous in your "getting ready" photos. We can always mock a few makeup touchup and hair shots on a perfect looking bride.

## ***How should my bridesmaids and I prepare for the wedding day?***

Please have yourself and all the bridesmaids free of any makeup and have completely dry hair the morning of the wedding. A blowout the day before the wedding with an MMF team member is always best to prep the hair for the rehearsal dinner and the day of the wedding. This way we can layer in the proper products the night before if you can fit that in. Also, please make sure to have a good night's sleep the night before and keep hydrated/fed during the getting ready process. Don't try to plan the food and drinks the morning of. Make sure that plan is set before the big day. Most of all, prepare to have fun! Stay calm and relaxed enjoying your day with your favorite people and we will take care of the rest.

## ***Should I get a trial for my hair and makeup?***

That is totally up to you! However, we do highly recommend a bridal trial before your wedding for a few reasons. First, you are able to work with your stylist to make sure your styles are exactly the way you want them for your wedding. We take photos from every angle after your trial and add them to your files so that they are replicated to perfection for the wedding day. Secondly, you want to be able to see how your hair and makeup styles hold throughout the day so that if any additional products are needed it can be planned for by your stylist. And finally, you want the ease of knowing exactly what you'll have for your wedding day and that you trust your artist to get you there! Make sure to plan to be with us for a total of 2.5 hours for a hair and makeup trial and half

that if you are just trialing hair or makeup. We also save a little extra time to take lots of photos, document everything, upload it to your file and send the final selections to you.

***When should I plan on getting my bridal preview (trial)?***

Many brides will have their trials 2-6 months before their wedding so that they can have a discussion with their stylists about what their hair color, length and skin prep will be for the wedding and if they are having their hair colored or a spray tan before the wedding. It is always a fun idea to try to plan your trial in conjunction with a fun event such as a dress fitting, your bridal shower, bachelorette party, or any other special occasions so that you are fabulous to go enjoy the day afterward and test your look out for longevity and to make sure you love it!

***How should I prepare for my trial?***

The bride's hair should be clean and completely dry before coming in for your trial. Blow it out if you can. You should also come in with a clean and free from makeup face that has been moisturized on the cheeks, but not the t-zone. Please avoid having any facial waxing or facials 4-5 days before your trial. If you have any waxing, facials, lash extension, or spray tanning needs we can make sure to schedule that for you in the salon!

Having inspirational photos for your wedding day hair and makeup is a great starting point for our stylists. If you have any photos or a pinterest board, please be sure to send them with us or bring them to your trial so we can add them to your file so your stylist has access to them.



***How long does each service take?***

Each service takes about 40 minutes. This includes hair and makeup. The brides hair takes 2 - 40 minute time blocks. The prepping stage and the finishing stage. We try to schedule enough artists to keep total prep time under 6 hours.

***Can I change my count later?***

Yes, if family or friends decide to add or decline to have hair and makeup done for the wedding day you may add or deduct them. We ask for a final count 1 month prior to the event date. We do have minimum counts for some areas and dates, so do keep that in mind when changing your count.

***If I change my wedding date can I apply my existing deposit to the new date.***

Absolutely! Deposits are non-refundable but can be applied to a new date.

***My mom is nervous about getting her hair and makeup done, can she do a trial too?***

Yes, a trial is a great way for you and your artist to get to know one another and try different looks. It will put both you and your mom at ease on the big day.

***Can I forgo the trial/preview if I just can't get there before my wedding?***

Yes, we would recommend that you send inspo pictures and your pinterest board to us for your artists to review before your wedding. We also add in about half an hour into the timing on the wedding day for fine tuning to make sure you are completely happy.

***Will my trial be with my wedding day artists?***

YES. That is the whole reason for the trial. For you and your wedding day artist to get acquainted and to create your wedding day look together.

***Will you work with other hair and makeup artists for my wedding, if I choose you just for hair or makeup?***

YES. We will gladly share you with other artists. We want you to be happy with your team and understand that everyone has different tastes and preferences.

***What if I want hair extensions for my bridal hair? Are they extra?***

There are two great options for you here. If you have extensions or have purchased extensions else where bring them to your trial and we will work with them. If they need curling and prepping the fee is \$35. If they need coloring the fee is \$65+. Or you can purchase from us and we will prep, curl and color at no additional charge. We have lots of lengths and shades in stock for previews and purchases. Pieces start at \$35 each if we only need a few or a full set is \$199. We will also bring them to the wedding set and ready to go.

Have a great question you think other brides could benefit from? Ask away!

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