

# 1983 weddings: more than a touch of class!



ALLURING NETTING AND LACE capture everyone's attention on this lovely bridal gown of reembroidered Alencon lace and organza with cathedral train and complementing veil by Michele Piccione of Alfred Angelo.

## Marriage: keeping up with changing times

Excitement builds in anticipation of your very special wedding day. Weeks filled with planning, deciding on ceremonial details and guest lists and picking out and fitting your bridal attire occupy your time before the majestic walk down the aisle.

Do these traditional wedding plans seem a little too old fashioned and out of place today? *Au contraire!* The marriage bond is stronger than ever in the '80s, though more and more couples are postponing marriage until they are older and have established careers, identities, interests and independence.

The vast majority of couples today are choosing formal and traditional affairs. According to a recent *Bride's* magazine survey, 98 percent of the brides choose a white or ivory dress, 97 percent plan a religious ceremony and 89 percent invite 100 guests or more.

Wedding ceremonies today are full of options. Some clergy members are willing to perform interfaith ceremonies allowing the couple to choose a religious or civil ceremony.

Etiquette in relation to remarriages has been altered so that the couple may decide on what *they* feel is appropriate: Children may be part of the ceremony, engagement rings worn with pride, a romantic honeymoon planned.

### The personal touch

Increasingly popular are classic weddings with a personal touch. Future brides and grooms write their individualized vows and select their favorite music.

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