

Wedding Superstitions

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In the past, a wedding was viewed as an event during which people were particularly susceptible to bad luck and evil spirits. The result of which has been the accumulation of a large number of customs and superstitions. Some are very widely known, such as the bride not being seen in her wedding dress by the groom before the ceremony, and others may be regional or maintained within a family for generations. How about some of these lesser-known warnings?

In some places, the prospective groom sent members of his family to express his interests to the prospective bride; if, on their way, they saw a blind man, a monk, or a pregnant woman, it was thought the marriage would be doomed. If, however, they saw nanny goats, pigeons, or wolves, good fortune would come to the marriage.

A week before the wedding, it is considered good luck to have a cat eat out of your left shoe.

It is thought unlucky for the bride to make her own wedding dress.

The loan of a wedding dress means good luck to the borrower and bad luck for the lender.

It is lucky if the bride finds a spider in her wedding gown.

If there is a full moon one to two days before the wedding, your married life will be filled with luck.

It is bad luck to see an open grave, pig, or lizard, or to hear a cockerel crow, on your wedding day.

It is good luck to see a rainbow, black cat, or chimney sweep.

It is good luck for the bride to take one look in the mirror once she is fully attired, but she should not look again.

Wear earrings when you are married and you will always be happy.

If candles are lit on your wedding day, and they sputter out, it means an evil spirit is nearby.

It is considered bad luck to say your wedding vows when at the bottom of the hour.

It brings more luck if the groom arrives at the church before the bride.

The bride should step with her right foot first into the church to ensure good luck.

Chinese superstitions state that carrying an open red umbrella over the bride will protect her from evil spirits.

If the bride sheds a tear on her wedding day, she will never cry again for the duration of her marriage.

If the bride rips her wedding dress on the day, it means that the marriage will end in death.

A combination of red and white flowers should be avoided, as they stand for blood and

bandages.

It is unlucky for a woman to marry a man whose surname began with the same letter as hers: To change the name and not the letter is to change for the worst and not the better.

It is unlucky for the bride to step into her new home with the left foot first.

Needless to say, it appears that one should be very careful on their wedding day!!