Are you superstitious? Even if you are not yourself, you will probably be able to sympathize with the wedding day anxieties brides have suffered through the ages. With all the anticipation involved in marriage and the significance placed on creating the perfect wedding, it is no wonder superstitions developed around the big event. But did they really have to be quite so demented?



Bonkers Brides

It is thought unlucky for the bride to make her own wedding dress. Anyone wearing a wedding dress that I made would be extremely unfortunate!
To put on full bridal array prior to the wedding was considered unlucky. While this seems difficult to avoid in the fitting process, brides would put their dress on in sections, never all at once. Some would even leave part of the hem unsown so the dress could be finished on the wedding day. Liars, they were too lazy to finish them off in good time. “sir I didn’t finish my history homework because its superstisious to finish it all in one go”.

Furthermore, the bride would not look at herself fully dressed wearing the wedding gown in a mirror. Even on the wedding day it was considered important to leave off one part of the bridal attire, such as a glove, when the bride checked her appearance in the mirror. This way the bride never saw herself completely attired before the wedding. And many of Aunty Maureens guests wished they never had at all.



Don’t be ugly, Do live nearby to Whipsnade Safari Park

The bride and groom also traditionally avoid seeing each other on the morning of the wedding day. Perhaps this superstition derived from the period of arranged marriages. The father of the bride may have feared the groom would flee if his fiancé was not to his liking. So they postponed the "unveiling" until the actual ceremony. A wise idea for Aunty Maureen’s dad to have undertaken.
On the way to the wedding, some sights or events were considered lucky for the bride and groom. Others were thought to be disastrous to their happiness. The bride was expected to exit her house out the front door and step out right foot first. If the sun shone on her or she saw a rainbow, good luck would ensue. Meeting a black cat, a chimney sweep, or an elephant were also fortuitous. That probably explains the divorce rate in the UK, not enough random elephants

hanging around the front door.

Unlucky sights included observing a pig running across the road. The worst of all omens was to meet or even see a funeral procession. Death was also foretold if the horse (or the more contemporary car) refused to start.  Ditch the Datsun and make sure pinky and perky are securely in their pens before departing for the church!

Who said poems have to rhyme?



Married in White, you have chosen right
Married in Grey, you will go far away,
Married in Black, you will wish yourself back,
Married in Red, you will wish yourself dead,
Married in Green, ashamed to be seen,
Married in Blue, you will always be true,
Married in Pearl, you will live in a whirl,
Married in Yellow, ashamed of your fellow,
Married in Brown, you will live in the town,
Married in Pink, your spirit will sink.