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Hampton Blue is the perfect place to find that special gift or a little self-indulgent treat, and the relaxing and stress-free online shopping experience is a welcome bonus. The new season gifts have just arrived with gorgeous evening bags, beautiful scarves and jewellery, home accessories and lots more to choose from. T: 0044 07989 573171 or www.hamptonblue.co.uk

unique boutique

Sarah Foy Design specialises in creating a unique dress for your special occasion. From the initial consultation to the final stitches, each stage of your gown's construction is handled with the best care and professionalism focusing on the finest details to make your dream dress a reality. All the gowns are Irish-made and where the design allows can be eco-friendly. The extended bridal party can be catered for - mother of the bride, bridesmaids and flower girls. Check out www.sarahfoy.com or call 086 178 0220.



Bejeweled bride

British Designer Katie Rowland creates playful and sensuous jewellery, perfect for the modern bride who wants to achieve a luxurious and daring look.

Rowland made a strong debut with three unisex collections titled "Love and Hate," "Heartbreaker" and "Point Break," a decadent clash of handmade rings, necklaces, knuckledusters and cuffs and now counts celebrities such as Cheryl Cole, Dannii Minogue, Daisy Lowe and Noel Fielding among her fans. Check out her award-winning OPlatinum Couture Collection plus the luxurious St.Tropez collection for inspiration for your big day. Available at Liberty and from www.katie-rowland.com



Shaken, not stirred

Learn how to make classic cocktails or create your own concoctions while enjoying your hen night at the Village at Lyons Cocktail Class. Held in the newly built mezzanine bar in the Mill, The Village at Lyons cocktail classes cater for six to 33 people, and are priced at €40 (£33) per person. Hosted by bar manager Tom O'Brien, each guest will have the opportunity to recreate their own cocktail and spend the evening tasting their experiments. The Village at Lyons will even arrange transportation for guests to and from the venue, so everyone can sit back, relax and indulge. www.villageatlyons.com

WISE WORDS

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."

Aristotle, philosopher

Romantic ruffles

The 2010/11 Suzanne Neville collection, L'Amour, was at the Saatchi Gallery as part of the exclusive White Gallery bridal show in May. The collection is a romantic, fairytale range of stunning shapes, beautiful detailing, soft layers and ruffles with a focus on the details on the back of the dresses with large tulle bustle bows, plunging key hole cut outs and deep v-cut plunges. The latest collection was created for the modern bride looking for a perfectly fitting gown in luxurious fabrics but with a modern and fresh approach to bridal design. www.suzanneneville.com



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Birdcage veils were extremely fashionable in the 30s and 40s and over the past couple of years they've been coming back into vogue. Wear with beautifully coiffed hair and perfect makeup to evoke that sense of old Hollywood glamour. Birdcage veils start from €49.99 (£41), see www.theveilcollection.com.