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What happens to... most old wedding dresses?



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This week, it was announced that Diana's spare wedding dress (in case of some mishap on the day apparently) is up for sale. Designed by Elizabeth and David Emanuel, it is expected to fetch around £50,000 at auction.

It is not an altogether surprising outcome; many women sell their wedding dresses - indeed there are currently 3,011 available for purchase on eBay alone, and dress-selling has become a competitive market. One internet messageboard provides the following sales tip: "Have your husband or a tattooed male do the photo shoot wearing your dress and give a sob story about divorce and women will go bonkers bidding on it."

For some, flogging their frock is a

rite-of-passage after a divorce, for others it is a matter of financial prudence. After all, realistically, are you ever going to wear your wedding dress again? Although some brides do dye them a different colour and wear them out on the razzle, this is not really an option if yours was a great big frou-frou taffeta meringue with a 6,000ft train, like Diana's.

For her wedding, my friend Lizzie chose a full-skirted dress with a separate corset top. "The woman at the bridal shop told me that I could wear my corset with a black trouser suit for a dinner dance. It seemed to me a bit weird, because surely everyone would be wondering 'Why is that woman wearing half a wedding dress?' Strangely, she didn't come up with anything to do with the skirt."

Some women like to keep their wedding dresses to pass down to their own daughters. If you wish to do this, it is perhaps best to make sure it is properly stored rather than folded up in a drawer where it can be eaten by mice. Like my own mother's. The vast majority of wedding dresses, however, remain in their owners' wardrobes, occupying an offensive amount of space. They are the SUVs of the closet. It is a little-known fact that all the remaining wedding dresses are sent to the knacker's yard where they are melted down to make glue.

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