

# Old, New, Borrowed, And Blue: Fresh Ideas For A Wedding Fashion Tradition

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Everyone has heard the age-old saying, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue". These items are supposed to bring a bride good luck and happiness in her marriage. You can incorporate these things into your wedding in many creative ways. Your wedding dress can serve as any of the four requirements.

Many brides wear a new dress, but you could opt for a vintage one if it fits with the style of your wedding. You could also borrow your mother's dress, or that of another friend or relative. Wedding dresses are not required to be white or ivory any more, so a blue dress is an option if you so desire.

If you love vintage jewelry, it's a great way to incorporate something old with style. Online auctions are often a good place to find antique earrings, necklaces, bracelets, brooches, and even hair accessories. Your local antique store is also a great source for vintage jewels. Just make sure that whatever you choose fits into your wedding's theme and your dress's style. Something new is rarely a big concern on your wedding day.

If you are not wearing a new dress, you probably have a new piece of jewelry or pair of shoes. If these are all old or borrowed, go out and buy a pair of pantyhose to serve as something new. Your borrowed item could be just about anything. Jewelry is popular for this purpose as well, so if your family or friends have any jewelry that you've been dying to borrow, now is a good time to ask. If your mother or sister still has her garter, she would likely consider it an honor to lend it to you for your wedding day. Something blue is often the trickiest thing to come up with. Garters often come in blue, but if you really don't want a blue garter, don't wear one just for that.

Blue shoes are an option if they will look good with your dress. Hair pins or barrettes would work as well. If blue doesn't match your clothing or theme at all, you could always wear blue underwear or a piece of jewelry with a small blue stone. There is another part of the "something old" saying that many people are unaware of. It calls for "a silver sixpence in her shoe". A sixpence is an old British coin that is no longer minted, so it could be hard to find. You could substitute a dime or old penny. You can also find keepsake sixpence coins at specialty shops. Or if you want to follow the saying to the letter, check with coin shops or online. The something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue tradition is all about symbolism. It encourages the bride to remember her family, friends, and past while looking forward to her new life with her husband. Finding a way to work each of these things into your wedding attire can be fun and memorable.

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