

'Enjoy the day and don'

by Priya Mulji

MOST guests at a wedding are not aware of the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes to create that perfect day and how the bride is feeling about getting married.

With wedding season coming to an end, some prospective brides are already planning for their big day next year. With that in mind, *Eastern Eye* spoke to three brides (who happen to be cousins) to talk about getting married, challenges they faced planning the perfect wedding and tips they would give.

Sheena Gorecha from Nottingham married Saagar Gajjar from Birmingham

What was the inspiration behind your wedding outfit?

I had always had a little bit of an idea of what I wanted to wear on our big day. I wanted something simple and elegant. I was after something with embroidery, rather than gems and diamante, something that made me feel like a princess.

The outfit I wore ticked all those boxes, although trying to find an outfit that did was a nightmare, as not many UK retailers had what I was after. So in the end, I got my outfit from India. I wanted traditional Gujarati colours, so I wore red and white with a little bit of green.

My husband got his outfit before mine, so rather than him

matching me, I had to coordinate mine with his. Luckily he went for similar colours to me.

My morning look was completely different to what I wore for the reception. For the evening, I went for something with a lot more colour and much more of a party look.

How did you feel when you actually got married?

It was a complete mixture of emotions. On one hand, I was ridiculously happy that I was going to be spending



the rest of my life with my hubby to be and this was the start of our journey together. However, on the other hand, I was really sad to be leaving my home, parents and sister. In the back of my mind I kept thinking, I hope things stay the same.

What was the wedding reception like?

After the morning ceremony it was nice to finally let loose and party. We had a three-course dinner followed by speeches, and lots of dancing and drinking. It was amazing and everyone was up for a good time. It was also great to catch up with friends and family.

What is the most memorable moment from the big day?

It has to be seeing Saagar for the first time. All morning I was anxious and nervous about the big day. However, when I got to the mandap and the cloth came down and I saw Saagar sat there, it felt like the weight of

whole world had been lifted off my shoulders. Just seeing him smile back at me made me realise that it was all going to be ok. Luckily the whole ceremony went smoothly. In the end I had nothing to be worried about.

What tips would you give girls planning their wedding?

The most important piece of advice I can give is not to stress out. I know there is a lot of pressure when planning your big day to make it perfect, but there are friends and family willing to help, so use them.

When booking venues, DJs, photographers, go on any recommendations that you have been given. Finding the perfect vendors and wedding professionals can be quite difficult, so if you have a chance to see who other people use, it can make wedding planning a lot easier.

The day also flies by and seems like a blur, so try to take a moment to take it all in and enjoy every part of it.



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