

MINNESOTA BRIDE

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fashion*

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dressed
grooms

[4] Maudie MacBride's Makes a Move Maudie MacBride's, a boutique ensconced in Victorian-era attitude, sensibility, and elegance, has moved from Grand Avenue in St. Paul to 797 Sibley Memorial Highway, and is open Friday and Saturdays, 12-5 p.m. or by appointment. The shop, inspired by and named after the grandmother of the owner's husband, carries special occasion clothing and bridal wear as well as jewelry, handbags, and hats. Call Carol Bradley at 651-224-3367 or visit www.maudiemacbrides.com.

[5] A Cut Above It's said diamonds are a girl's best friend, and everyone knows you can never have too many friends. Unlike the traditional diamond, which has 56 facets, the round Lumière Cut diamond by Simon G. Jewelry has 121 facets, for a brilliant sparkle. The design is by Simon Ghanimian, president of Simon G. Jewelry. In addition to ring settings, Simon G. Jewelry also handcrafts necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and pendants. The line is available at Nordstrom. Visit www.simongjewelry.com.



[6] I Do (Challenge You) Many brides (and grooms) want to look as light as they feel when floating down the aisle, but they lack the motivation to stick with an exercise program. Enter the Fitness Challenge, "the game designed for the wannabe exerciser." Conceptualized by the Carver, Minn. mother-daughter team of Stephanie Crognale and Vicki Sorenson, the Fitness

Challenge has two people compete to see who can complete more daily exercise challenges. The entire challenge lasts eight weeks, and includes stickers to mark your accomplishments and a deck full of creative wagers. Visit www.fitnesschallenge.com.

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