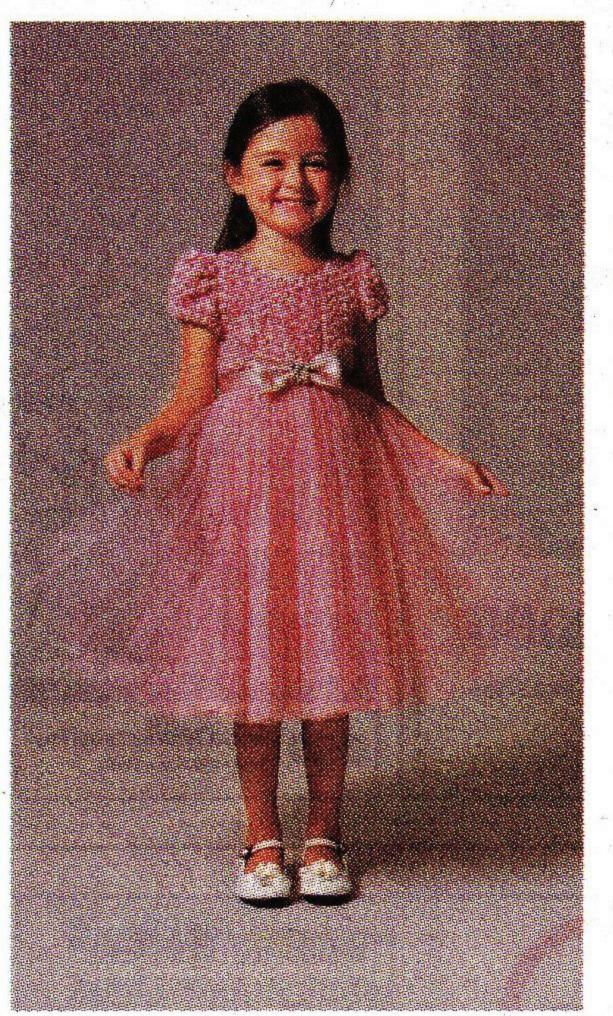
Clothes fit for the occasion



Dorian Ho's BabyDoll look

There are plenty of guidelines for adults when it comes to dressing for a wedding but, in the case of children, remember that whatever the occasion, choose wisely. "The rule of looking your best on camera applies to adults and children. Even if your child is only a toddler, make sure they wear something appropriate for the occasion," says Eve Roth Lindsay, managing director of image consultancy Colour Me Beautiful.

"Colour co-ordination can apply to children as guests at the wedding or the flower girl and ring bearer. Girls can wear white or ivory like the wedding dress or match the colour of the bridesmaids' gowns. Boys can wear a classic black tuxedo or suit, a white button-up shirt and a bow tie.

"Go a size bigger and hem the dress or pants to fit. This will ensure that the outfit can last longer, so you have invested in something that is your money's worth. Be practical and choose outfits that are durable enough to wear for other special occasions. For boys, a

Choose wisely with children's wedding wear



Stella McCartney's Kids line

suit may be more suitable than a tuxedo as it can be worn at other formal gatherings such as festive parties or at a church. For girls, something classic and simple that they can wear to birthday parties or school events will be a better option than something overly fancy," Lindsay says.

Harvey Nichols carries a range of smart children's wear from brands such as Stella McCartney Kids and Dorian Ho's BabyDoll line for children, with frocks in satin, silk and chiffon.

Smart children's wear can also be found at Tiny Footprints, which carries the Tutu de Monde range of natural and ethicallymade dresses that can double up as ballet attire while Nicholas & Bears' collection includes a winter range of dresses and dress coats for girls and suits for boys. Bonpoint and Jacadi also carry collections for boys and girls. "Avoid tight shirt collars for boys and overly long dresses for girls. You don't want your little ones tripping over themselves as they run around the reception hall or wanting to rip off their clothes," Lindsay says.

