

# MODERN LUXURY WEDDINGS

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For this reverse French look, Mario Tricoci Nail Director Cyndi Van applied a chrome polish as a base, and then used a translucent red over the entire nail.

## CLEAR as GLASS

Here's a tip: The newest form of nail extensions, the **glass gel manicure**, is toxin-free, extra-strong and gentler on nails than acrylics, and, since launching exclusively at Mario Tricoci this year, has inspired a new trend to boot: the reverse French manicure (\$110). Nails are extended using Orly's sculpting glass gel product—infused with vitamins to promote natural growth—and a paper sculpting form, and flash-hardened in an LED light dryer. The esthetician then files to the desired shape and applies no-chip polish. Nail Director Cyndi Van loves the look in the aptly named pale pink Kiss the Bride or, for an edgier wedding-day look, this jelly red. The better to show off your sparkler. *From \$95, 900 N. Michigan Ave., tricoci.com* —EC



## SNAKE EYES

Mythically, a serpent represents passion and everlasting love. It was this notion that inspired Chicago jewelry designer Ana Stein to debut **Mar Bridal**, the first bridal capsule collection within her ANAHIITA line. "This collection is a bit of a departure from the soft, fluid pieces that I'm known for," Stein says. "But sometimes, you need to shed your skin." The serpent motif translates into edgy designs with a nod to art deco, and—as many brides move away from traditional diamonds—Stein offers customization options, replacing the center stone with a more unexpected white topaz or pink diamond. *From \$2,200, anahitajewelry.com* —Jenny Muslin

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## Party On

Event guru Renee Patrone knows how to throw a party. "I realized so many hosts were having amazing parties but were too busy to enjoy them," says the Philly-area wedding planner. "They were missing out on meaningful moments." So in 2013, she launched **Party Host Helper**, a carefully curated staffing service ideal for events like at-home bridal showers hosted by the MOB or extravagant engagement parties. She's expanded the service from coast to coast, launching in the Windy City along the way. "Chicago is a strong fit for us," Patrone says. "People here love to entertain." *From*

*\$45 per hour per helper, partyhosthelper.com* —TG



Staff from Party Host Helper can aid in serving, arranging and more.