



Married in Manhattan

A blog about living in the city by Rachel and Jed

A Double Makeover?

Would you let your **spouse** dress you for a week? It's a test of true love and it requires having **faith** that the person you married wants you to look your best. But why take a chance?

Apparently, everyone else is doing it! That's what my husband Jed says. He works in the fashion industry, and having your partner dress you is a way to **rethink** your **wardrobe**. So we decided to give it a go.

Day one was a workday. I started with Jed's favorite **plaid** shirt. I paired it with blue jeans and ankle-high boots, and to accessorize, I added a red scarf and some mirrored sunglasses. Jed nodded. He was going to have lunch with friends, and he said it was just the right amount of casual.

When it was my turn, Jed pulled a brown leather skirt from the back of my closet and matched it with a navy and white blouse. I was surprised by the combination, but I liked the effect. I went off to a business meeting feeling more interesting than usual.

Next, we decided to try dressing each other for a party downtown. That upped the challenge because Jed's fashion friends would be there. Nervously, I opened his closet, closed my eyes, and picked a shirt. It was pink. I paired it with black jeans and a green jacket. Jed raised his eyebrows. I quickly exchanged the jacket for a more **subtle** gray one.

Then Jed surprised me with a dress from one of his fashion shoots. It was a beautiful deep turquoise with a **loose** flowing skirt. I liked his choice for jewelry: a colorful beaded necklace. I felt **chic** and comfortable. But Jed looked at me with a critical eye.

"You would look fantastic with red hair," he said.

"I'll do it if you get your beard shaved off," I responded.

So we went to a salon, and I got my hair dyed bright red, and Jed got his beard shaved off. Pleased, we walked all the way downtown to the party. We had a great time, and I realized that interesting clothes start conversations. The experiment was a success, so we may do it again next week!

2 Read the blog. How successful was the makeover experiment? Explain.

3 Read the blog again. Choose (✓) *True* or *False*.

1. It is becoming popular for couples to dress each other.
2. Jed was happy to wear informal clothes to a lunch date.
3. Rachel did not expect the outfit Jed chose for her business meeting.
4. Jed got his beard trimmed.
5. Rachel's hair is a natural red.

True False

4 **GROUP WORK** Discuss these questions.

1. Have you ever helped or would you ever help someone else choose an outfit? Explain your answer.
2. What does the way you dress say about you? What are some examples?