

Finding the Perfect Dress for Your Body Type

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Every girl dreams of her wedding dress from the time she's little. Usually from that young age we picture ourselves in a fairytale gown that makes us look like a princess. Some women's vision of what they look like on their big day stays the same and they wear that fabulous princess gown that looks like the one from their dream.

Finding a dress that looks good on your body can be easy and stress free *if* you do a little research before hand.

Just like every bride is different so is every bride's body. To make the "perfect" dress search a little easier on you we are going to break down five different body shapes for you so that you know just how to find your perfect dress.



Petite::

A petite woman's goal is to elongate the look of her body while enhancing her natural figure. A-line and Sheath dresses that are simple with a higher waistline will help you achieve the long look you are going for. Trumpet style gowns can also be a good option for the petite figured woman that wants a bolder look.

Curvy::

It doesn't have to be difficult for curvy woman to find the perfect balance between sexy and too much curve on her wedding day. The key to finding that balance is looking for a dress that will showcase your curves in a subtle way. If you want a dress to show off your chest try a sweetheart or v-necked A-line dress that will tame your curvy hips and behind while showcasing your cleavage. If you want to show off your bottom half, wear a mermaid gown with a straight across neckline that hugs your hips and behind while minimizing your chest.



(Image Courtesy of Melissa Jill)

Straight::

Adding a little curve to our body is not hard with the right dress. A ball gown can add just the right amount of volume to give you that curve you are looking for. For a fun and unique look, try a ball gown with an asymmetrical waistline.

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Busty::

Some busty women want to accentuate their curves, while other women want to minimize them. To achieve a busty look on your wedding day without showing too much, wear a sweetheart dropped waist gown accentuating your top half. To play down your bust, look for a higher or straight across neckline with a detailed bodice drawing attention away from your chest.

The absolute most important thing about your wedding dress is finding the one that makes *you* feel beautiful no matter what shape or size you are. Happy dress shopping and finding the perfect dress for YOU!



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