

Before the bride begins shopping for her dream dress, besides the budget, theme and the type of venue; she needs to consider her body shape for what suits. – By Gokul Tri from Peetyinthe.

The Wedding day can be considered as the most important day in a girl's life and dressing right for this occasion is eminent. With all the limelight on her when she walks down the aisle, she'll be going all out to search for that one special gown that is just right to portray her personality and more critically, something that will flatter her figure! The task of finding that perfect dress may be pretty overwhelming, but starting out armed with some knowledge of wedding dress styles and how they may work on one's figure type will make the process less daunting.

The Perfect Wedding Dress for your shape



Wedding Dress for the Bony Figure – Short or tall, you are super slim

Choose a dress with fuller skirts like ball gown or ballerina style gown to make you feel beautiful. The feminine soft tulle will balance out your overall silhouette. Try one with a nice back feature. If you have concerns about your collar bone being too bony, avoid halter, off-shoulders and portrait necklines.



Wedding Dress for the Petite Lady – Petite means small and slender

It will be ideal for a petite lady to dress in an A-line bridal dress with princess cut to elongate her figure. Something in an empire waist or natural waist with simple details will be flattering too. Small brides should avoid wedding gowns with excessive fabric and too many embellishments; they'll look hidden in it. This includes full skirted gowns with heavy pleats or gathers. A dropped waist is also likely to make her look even shorter.



Wedding Dress for the Hourglass Figure – The hip and bust are almost of equal size with a narrow waist

Referred to as an ideal body shape, brides in this category have plenty of options but choose to wear dresses that will emphasize your curves, accentuate your waist especially, without adding bulk. An A-line or a drop waist dress will absolutely flatter the lady with an hourglass shape as it will define her tiny waist. A two-piece gown or corset style dress may be considered too.



Wedding Dress for the Pear Shape Figure – meaning a small top with larger bottom

Go for a bodice with a fuller skirt that will disguise the hips and draw attention to the upper part of the body. The skirt may be A-line, pleated or gathered for the best look. An empire waist or a fitted bodice gown will also be an ideal choice for the bottom heavy bride. Ladies in this category should avoid gowns that are fitted from top to bottom.



Wedding Dress for the Broad Shouldered
- Swimmer like figure with wide-set shoulders

If the lady has broad shoulders, wider straps, scoop or a V-neck dress will help give the illusion of having narrower shoulders. A strapless wedding dress may be a good option depending on style. The bride should consider a gown with longer bodice with a drop waist. Brides with broad shoulders should never wear ruffles at the sleeve, pulled sleeves or off-shoulder sleeves. Be careful with halter too as it may emphasise the muscular appearance of the shoulders.



Wedding Dress for Busty Lady
- Petite, plus or average size, you've got fuller bust

Brides who are well-endowed will look their best in dresses with straps that are set widely apart or opt for higher necklines. Some strapless designs are suitable, but it has to depend on the style. Look for one that has the necessary support without drawing too much attention to the bust. Forget scoop, halter and square necklines as these will enhance bust lines.



Wedding Dress for the Athletic/Boyish figure

- For those who have a toned look with an undefined waist

Brides who possess this figure may want to check out dresses that has an A-line silhouette with empire waist. This style cinches them directly below the bust line to conceal the thick torso. Brides may also like the look of a halter neck, princess style or drop waist to give an illusion of a slimmer waist. Adding a prominent piece of jewellery at the neckline will pull attention away from the thicker section.

Knowing what to look for before starting the search for the perfect wedding dress will eliminate many frustrations. As the bride search through shops with racks of dresses, she'll be able to spot the one that will make her look her very best in her finest hour!

Have a think about what you consider - your best and worst features, the perfect dress will disguise or pull attention from your least favourite areas and highlight all the best parts. Like any types of clothing, wedding dresses are "subject to fashion, but you need to ensure that the dress you choose is the right one for you. Remember, getting a dress that is in fashion now may look dated in your wedding photos a few years down the road.

Please note that the suggestions made here are mostly recommendations from experience! To be certain if a style is truly right for your figure, you will need to try it on to get a feel of how you like it on you. You have to know that it is going to serve you well on your big day in terms of practicality (for your type of venue), comfort (you are wearing it for a good few hours) and of course look (you have to feel great and confident in it!) Good luck to all you brides-to-be out there and have fun searching for that one special dress!



Wedding Dress for the Tall Bride
- Five feet ten or taller...

These tall ladies can carry off almost any style of dresses. Most tall brides will look good in a sheath or column style gown, which is fitting from top to bottom. The sheath or column style dress is great for tall and thin brides who want a simple and sleek look. Another style she might want to go for is an A-line, mermaid or trumpet cut gown. Avoid empire waist dresses as it may not be the most flattering.



Wedding Dress for the Bride who is shy about her Arms
- whether they're bigger than normal, jiggly or too skinny

Brides who are self-conscious about their arms being heavy may find that the off-shoulder design will be a great choice. Other recommendations they should consider are three-quarter, long sleeve or loose draped sleeves. Basically anything with sleeves ending just below the biggest part of your arm will be a safe bet. Another suggestion is to wear a dress with sheer sleeves. Add on a bolero for skinny arms.

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