



on the wed carpet

At the top of all the special wedding day moments is when a bride is first seen in her wedding dress.

“Every wedding dress silhouette has a more modified shape,” Lisa Cunningham, owner of Tulle in Sherwood, said. “You can find the right one for your body shape.”

CASUAL

For brides wanting an easygoing look, Cunningham suggests a simple dress without any beading and light, breathable fabric.

“Whenever we do informal weddings, we suggest a chapel train or no train at all,” said Lillie Hand, manager of First Impressions in Jacksonville. “If it’s a beach wedding, we suggest a lot of chiffon and strapless styles, anything without a lot of pouf.”

BOHEMIAN

For the more free-spirited and unconventional bride, a Bohemian style “would be free-flowing and loose, a Grecian look,” Cunningham said. “And, a dress that’s not stark white.” The silhouette is usually not structured.

Hand suggests an empire waistline with chiffon and some beading along with a small train.

CLASSIC

For a wedding dress that will stand the test of time, a classic wedding dress style conjures up designs that include a fuller train, more intricate beading or pleating and white and ivory colors, Cunningham said.

“We would call it a more traditional bridal look,” Hand said. “It would be strapless

with a long train and beading on the train.”

For Hand, she’s seen there isn’t so much a classic style, but it’s more along the lines of whatever the bride wants.

“We’ve even done a red wedding dress,” Hand said.

GLAMOROUS

For a show-stopping, dramatic entrance, a glamorous wedding dress “is something really sleek and form-fitting like a sheath,” Cunningham said. “This type of dress would be able to go without a veil, maybe a small headpiece with beading.”

Hand suggests dresses that have a lot of tulle, sequins, beading and Swarovski crystals.

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"There's a new style that gives the effect of a feathered, curled look; it's really gorgeous," Hand said. "The one-shoulder dress is also very glamorous."

ROMANTIC

For those brides who want to be the walking epitome of love, a romantic wedding dress often has many layers that look soft and sweet.

"It's more lace and a soft-ivory color," Cunningham said.

Hand added, "The lace often times has beaded embellishment. To me, romantic means A-line dress, a sweetheart neckline or a flower appliqué."

MODERN

For the fashion-forward bride who's not afraid of taking a risk, "it's a more couture look, maybe even in a mocha or champagne color," Cunningham said.

Cascading ruffles and one-shoulder styles fall under the modern look, Hand said.

"We've even seen a polka dot dress," Hand said. "A modern dress would have a pick-up that isn't structured."

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