

Gowns 101

A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

SILHOUETTES



A: BALL GOWN

The ball gown has a fitted bodice and a very full, bell-shaped skirt. Good for slim girls and pear shapes.

B: A-LINE

This style is cut close to the rib cage but along the body it has a slightly flared A-shape skirt; it creates a smooth, clean, elongated line. A variation is the full (more flared) A-line. Good for most body types.



C: SHEATH

The sheath closely follows the curves of the body; it may be crisp and structured or slinky and sexy. Good for the tall and thin; the slim and petite.

D: MERMAID

In this type of sheath, the skirt flares out below the knee. A variation is the trumpet, which flares even more. Good for brides with curves they want to show off.

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TRAINS



SWEEP

The sweep extends no more than 1 1/2 feet. If it extends from the waist, it's called a court train.



CHAPEL

The chapel train extends 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet from the waist.



CATHEDRAL

A very formal train, it extends 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 feet from the waist.

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Gown Shopping Pointers

1. Do research.
Flip through magazines to see what shapes and styles you like. Love a look from a specific designer but want to see more? Visit their Web site and browse the designer's complete online gallery.
2. Head to a trustworthy store or boutique.
3. Bring your gown gear such as a strapless bra or bustier, panty hose and shoes with the heel height you plan to wear.
4. Don't bring an entourage. Three is a good number.