

# gowns that WOW

What makes a single wedding dress stand out on a rack of 10 other gowns? Take a look.

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**divine details**  
It's the beautiful, oversize bloom that makes this sophisticated trumpet silhouette feel so special. Taffeta gown by Judd Waddell, \$4,000; birdcage veil by CastleBride Couture, \$336; diamond drop earrings, \$4,850, and three layered necklaces, from \$1,925, all by Me&Ro

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**flawless fit**  
Sweetheart necklines and ball gowns are bridal basics; what separates this style is its ultra-slimming details—a corset bodice and jeweled belt. Tulle gown by Lazaro, \$3,960; feather hairpin by CastleBride Couture, \$140; diamond earrings by Van Cleef & Arpels, \$29,600; diamond necklace by Cartier, price upon request >>



**perfect pickups**

Bustles in all the right places add volume without overwhelming a petite frame. Silk taffeta gown by Watters Brides, \$2,800; hoop earrings by Me&Ro, \$4,350; bracelet by MEG Jewelry LLC, \$375; diamond ring by Tacori, \$7,960 (not including center stone)

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**top-notch texture**

Tucks and folds with a touch of wispy fringe; now that's our idea of a ball gown that's simple but not boring. Organza gown by Rivini, \$4,100; veil by Sara Gabriel, \$226; pearl and crystal earrings by MEG Jewelry LLC, \$62; vintage crystal necklace by Ashley Darryl Designs, \$325 >>

**supreme shimmer**

A sprinkling of glitter and suddenly this princess gown is even more romantic. Tulle gown by Disney Fairy Tale Weddings by Alfred Angelo, \$899; vintage crystal necklace by Ashley Darryl Designs, \$580; diamond engagement ring by Cartier, starting at \$3,975; lemon quartz ring by Vanna K, \$4,220 >>





**sheer glamour**

See-through straps, head-to-toe sequins are proof that a sheath can be downright enchanting. Tulle gown, \$5,400, belt, \$700, and gloves, \$990, all by Reem Acra; headband by Sara Gabriel, starting at \$279; platinum earrings by Stephen Russell, \$90,000 (Expensive? Yes. Gorgeous? Definitely.); engagement ring by Cartier, starting at \$3,975

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**ideal volume**

These tiny layers are the ultimate way to add texture with very little bulk. Silk gown by Ann Taylor, \$495; hair band with beadwork and French netting by Laura Jayne Bridal Design, \$225; earrings by Cartier, \$23,800; platinum and pearl tassel necklace by Stephen Russell, \$65,000; gold ring by Shaesby, \$3,290; platform sandals by Stuart Weitzman, \$498 >>



**great lengths**

At first glance, the sequin blooms seem most striking, but it's the hi-low hemline (and an excuse to splurge on new shoes) that makes this gown unique. Silk Mikado gown by Carolina Herrera, \$13,490; filigree leaf comb by Tigerlilly Jewelry, \$120; platinum earrings by Stephen Russell, \$30,000; platinum engagement ring by J. Birnbach, \$52,375; satin pumps by Sergio Rossi, \$505

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**impeccable shape**

If you thought ruching was slimming, you're in for a treat. Diagonal pleating takes figure flattery to a whole new level. Tulle gown by Melissa Sweet, \$3,375; diamond necklace by Van Cleef & Arpels, \$143,000; diamond earrings, \$12,453, and engagement ring, \$4,086 (not including center stone), both by Vanna K; headpiece by Laura Jayne Bridal Design, \$130; clutch by Judith Leiber, \$1,995



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