

# In Great Shape

There are few moments as exhilarating as your grand entrance as a bride. With all eyes on you, you'll want a dress that will flatter you flawlessly and set the tone for the occasion, and there's a silhouette—a dreamy ball gown, perhaps, or a mini, or even a chic pantsuit?—to do just that. On these pages, you'll see fresh-from-the-runway takes on the most timeless styles. When you find your perfect fit, you'll know it.

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## Empire

This charmingly retro silhouette is friendly to many—but especially more petite figures. The **Viktor&Rolf Marriage** “Iced Flower Audrey” gown (price upon request, [viktor-rolf.com](http://viktor-rolf.com)) has a shortened bodice to complement a smaller bust and a high waist to elongate the legs. It also delivers an extra dose of glam via a 3-D plexiglass flower adornment. **THE**

**DETAILS:** Hearts on Fire “Aerial” diamond earrings in 18k gold, \$5,990, [hearts-on-fire.com](http://hearts-on-fire.com). Catherine Angiel “South Sea” pearl-and-diamond ring, \$3,200, [catherineangiel.com](http://catherineangiel.com).



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## Pantsuit

Not married to the idea of a big gown? Sleek separates can be effortlessly elegant—and every bit as bridal. Witness **Lela Rose's** "The Aberdeen," in Soft White. The off-the-shoulder top (\$1,495) keeps it feminine, while the matching slim-fit pants (\$995; both [lelarose.com](http://lelarose.com)) give the look a contemporary feel, just right for a glittering rooftop celebration or stroll to city hall. **THE DETAILS:** Christian Louboutin "Jumping" patent-leather pumps, in Latte, \$745, [christianlouboutin.com](http://christianlouboutin.com). Mizuki akoya- and freshwater-pearl chain drop earrings, \$995, [bergdorfgoodman.com](http://bergdorfgoodman.com). McTeigue & McClelland "Aperta Flora" diamond ring in 18k gold and platinum, price upon request, [mc2jewels.com](http://mc2jewels.com).

## Drop-Waist

Indulge your playful impulses with an asymmetrical dress, like this **Justin Alexander Signature** tulle gown (style 99001; price upon request, [jasignature.com](http://jasignature.com)). The sweetheart neckline and long bodice call attention to your midsection, making the starburst beading a fitting finishing touch. **THE DETAILS:**

**Doryn Wallach** black- and white-diamond earrings set in platinum, price upon request, [dorynwallach.com](http://dorynwallach.com).

**Catherine Angiel** black- and white-diamond halo ring, \$3,800, [catherineangiel.com](http://catherineangiel.com).

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## A-Line

It's no wonder this beloved cut (narrow bodice, wide skirt) is so popular—it looks stunning on all body types. **Martin Thornburg's** "Symphony" gown (style 118271; \$1,181, [moncheribridals.com](http://moncheribridals.com)) even has concealed pockets, so you can keep essentials—like lip gloss and a handkerchief for happy tears—at the ready. **THE DETAILS:** Lizzie Fortunato "Sun Bleached Hoops" earrings, \$175, [needsupply.com](http://needsupply.com).



## Mini

You know what they say: If you've got it, flaunt it. When you're ready to highlight those shapely legs, opt for a hemline that hits above the knee. **Elizabeth Fillmore's** "Tippy" mini-dress (\$2,200, [markingramatelier.com](http://markingramatelier.com)) is just the thing for a daytime reception or your late-night dance party—and the sheer lace top adds edgy flair.

**THE DETAILS:** Chloe Gosselin "Narcissus" sandals, in Silver, \$740, [chloegosselin.com](http://chloegosselin.com).

## Trumpet

Never one to miss a chance to accentuate those curves? This

### Monique Lhuillier

"Winston" gown (\$6,290, [moniquelhuillier.com](http://moniquelhuillier.com))

hugs your torso for an extra-flattering fit, while removable sleeves let you instantly transform your look. Just remember: This style is snug, and even the belle of the ball needs to rest—so during the fitting, be sure you can comfortably take a seat. **THE DETAILS:**

Fernando Jorge "Electric Drop" earrings in 18k white gold, price upon request, [fernandojorge.co.uk](http://fernandojorge.co.uk).

Tacori "RoyalT" ring, style HT2656EC10X8, in platinum, \$12,790 (without center stone), [tacori.com](http://tacori.com).







## Tea-Length

Flash just a little leg with a flirty skirt, like the lace-and-tulle “Darcy” from **Ivy & Aster** (\$1,210); paired with the “Demi” wrap sweater (\$198; both [ivyandaster.com](http://ivyandaster.com)), it has a modern-ballerina vibe. And don't forget the one detail this length demands: show-off-worthy shoes. **THE DETAILS:** McTeigue & McClelland “Solcolori Drop” earrings in 18k gold, price upon request, [mc2jewels.com](http://mc2jewels.com). Chloe Gosselin “Narcissus” sandals, in Gold, \$740, [chloegosselin.com](http://chloegosselin.com).



## Ball Gown

You've always dreamed of being a princess—and now your opportunity has arrived. Need another reason to love this romantic style? It happens to be particularly forgiving: The fitted waist and full skirt on the **Alex Perry** "Riley" gown (\$11,780, [modaoperandi.com](http://modaoperandi.com)) will flatter your curves. Bonus: A mesh cut-out in the bodice gives this traditional style a bit of modern edge. **THE DETAILS:** Vita Fede "Sfera Two Tone 4.0" earrings, \$315, [vita-fede.com](http://vita-fede.com). Selim Mouzannar diamond ring in pink gold, price upon request, [newyork.doverstreetmarket.com](http://newyork.doverstreetmarket.com).

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## Reverse Proportions

Feeling rebellious? Defy standard silhouettes, à la the **Danielle Frankel** “Berthe” wool-and-silk dress (\$6,990, [markingramatelier.com](http://markingramatelier.com)). Inverting the shape of many traditional dresses, this style features generous sleeves and a body-lengthening slim skirt. If the ball gown is a princess’s look, then this style is worthy of a queen.

**THE DETAILS:** Jade Trau for Forevermark “Envoy Studs With Long Drop Alchemy” earrings, \$9,740, [jadetrau.com](http://jadetrau.com).



## High-Low

If you're traditional at heart but want a fresh take for your wedding look, this might be the cut for you. The varied hemline on this ivory/champagne **Oleg Cassini** satin number (style CWG794; \$758, [davidsbridal.com](http://davidsbridal.com)) lets you show off those killer heels all night long, while beaded floral-lace appliques add romance. **THE DETAILS:** Oscar de la Renta ivory bridal pumps, \$690, [oscardelarenta.com](http://oscardelarenta.com). Lizzie Fortunato "Paper White" mother-of-pearl earrings, \$250, [kirnazabete.com](http://kirnazabete.com). James Allen ring with emerald-cut center stone in 14k white gold, \$2,540 (without center stone), [jamesallen.com](http://jamesallen.com).



## Column

The clean lines on the sleek, body-skimming **Liancarlo** gown (style 7809; \$3,095, [liancarlo.com](http://liancarlo.com)) are ideal for the bride with a self-assured, no-fuss attitude—and a figure to match. It doesn't need much in the way of accessories, but pair it with bold, chunky earrings to make the ultimate statement. **THE DETAILS:** Soko "Maxi Twisted Sia Studs" in recycled brass with chrome plating, \$58, [shopsoko.com](http://shopsoko.com).

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