

## Selecting the Best Gown Style for Your Figure

You definitely want to find a wedding gown with the perfect fit and style to enhance your figure. Selecting the most appropriate silhouette for your body type is easy with our online guide!

First, let's take a quick look at the basic gown silhouettes.

1. **Princess or A-Line.** A-Line or princess silhouette has seams starting at the bust or shoulders and flowing down to a flared skirt. The top of the dress gracefully blends into the skirt.
2. **Sheath.** This silhouette closely follows the line of the body.
3. **Ball Gown.** The ball gown silhouette is similar to the A-Line; only it has a much fuller skirt and typically features a full bodice that is distinctly separate from the skirt.
4. **Empire.** The Empire silhouette has a high waist look, often with a seam under the bust line and typically a slimmer skirt.

Now take a look at which silhouettes work best for each body style. Remember these are basic rules and can be broken. It is best to try on all the silhouettes to see which looks best on you.

### If you have an hour-glass figure, small waist and larger hips and chest:

#### Try

An A-Line gown paired with a v-neck or scoop neck to fully flatter your figure.

#### Avoid

The Empire silhouette, which may hide your figure or make it look disproportioned. A ball-gown, if the skirt isn't overly full, can also be a good choice.

### Short Waisted and Petite Figures:

#### Try

An A-Line gown can elongate your waist and make you appear taller. Since the top of the dress gently blends into the flared skirt, it often provides a long and lean silhouette.

#### Avoid

A large ball gown can make you appear smaller.

### Tall and Thin:

#### Try

A ball gown or a Sheath silhouette.

#### Avoid

You can wear any silhouette. If you want to appear less tall or thin avoid the A-line

or Sheath.

#### **Pear Shaped:**

##### **Try**

Selecting a gown that will draw attention to the upper half of your body. The Silhouette isn't quite as important as the neckline you select. Flatter your shoulders and chest while drawing focus away from hips.

##### **Avoid**

The Sheath silhouette, it draws attention to the hips.

#### **Full Figure and Plus Size:**

##### **Try**

An A-Line will flatter practically any figure.

##### **Avoid**

Sheaths, thin straps, and sleeveless gowns. Consider a scoop or v-neck to flatter your chest and neck.