

## How to Select a Tiara

First, select your wedding gown. Now, decide how you want to wear your hair. Most tiaras can be worn with many different hairstyles. Short hair brides look absolutely beautiful wearing a tiara but choose a lighter, more delicate tiara that won't require lots of pinning to hold it in place. Try headband styles or tiaras with a more petite shape.

### Now you're ready to select your tiara.

Match pattern in the detailing of your gown to the pattern in the tiara. If you have floral pattern in your gown, look for a headpiece with similar detailing. A modern, plain white gown usually looks best with a tiara with straight lines or a geometric pattern. If your dress has pearls in the detailing - select a tiara with some or all pearls. If your dress has crystals, select a headpiece with crystal accents.

A tiara with only Austrian crystals (rhinestones) and no pearls will match any gown. A tiara with pearls should match either the gown (pearl accents on the gown) or the pearl necklace and earrings. Most pearl tiaras go well with off-white or ivory gowns, but brighter white pearls may not work with an ivory gown.

Keep your accessories in balance. Make sure that all the pieces of the bridal ensemble work together and that no one piece overwhelms another.

### Guidelines for colour selection:

- **White Gowns:** Choose a tiara that is silver-tone, rhinestone, or white pearl.
- **Ivory and Off-White Gowns:** Choose a tiara that is gold-tone or ivory pearls.
- **Diamond white gowns** (Lighter than off-white but not white): Either gold or silver tone.