

How to Select a Wedding Veil

You need to consider three elements when selecting your wedding veil: your height, the length of your dress and the detailing and colour.

- If you are less than 5'4" you should select an elbow length veil (30" long). If you are over 5'7" you should select a fingertip veil (36" long). If you are in between those heights, you can select either length -- it just depends on whether you prefer a short length (elbow) or longer length (fingertip).
- You should consider Placement of the veil on your head, if you are wearing it towards the back of your head, the veil will be longer.
- Make sure your veil works well with the detailing (on the back on the back of your dress) and the overall design of your dress. Your veil length should cut just above or below any focal point on your dress. Don't choose a veil length that ends right where your bodice begins because it cuts you in half visually (something just above or just below). If you have a sharply defined waistline, don't select a veil that ends at the waistline – something slightly above or below it.

We suggest you use a tape measure to see where the different length veils will fall while wearing your dress. Now you're ready to select the type of veil that you want. Wedding veils are described as:

- **Elbow Length:** Generally selected for shorter gowns, without a train. This length will show detailing at the waist of the gown. An elbow length veil best compliments a dress with a full skirt. The veil should end below a low cut back but above the start of the skirt. Used for formal and semi-formal weddings.
- **Fingertip Length:** Can be worn with any gown longer than tea length. It falls right at the fingertips of the bride if her hands are at her side and is used for formal and semi-formal weddings.
- **Chapel Veil:** This veil is three yards long, looks best with a long-sleeved, full-length gown.
- **Cathedral Length:** Most often selected for a formal wedding. The veil will extend onto the floor, at least six inches past the train. Cathedral length veil looks best when worn with a cathedral or semi-cathedral length gown.
- **Blusher:** A shoulder-length layer of the veil that is worn over the face. Typically combined with other lengths and used for both formal and semi-formal weddings. Don't underestimate how much the blusher will soften and transform your appearance.