

**Size Matters** If you are a voluptuous bride, find a salon that carries samples in a size to suit you (many do these days). There are also designers who specialize in styles for larger sizes. Log onto [www.TheKnot.com/plussize](http://www.TheKnot.com/plussize) for listings.

**Try a Trunk Show** If you find a designer you like, visit during these in-store events featuring a specific designer (or a representative of a manufacturer) and his or her entire line. You'll get an opportunity to see and/or purchase every dress in the line, not just the styles that store chose to sell that season. And you may also get to chat with the designer

**Accessorize with Care** If your dress is ornate, stick with plain shoes, an unadorned veil, and a basic purse. The opposite also applies—a simple dress can stand an embellished veil or fun hat, a feathered or beaded purse, and strappy sandals.

### Wedding Gown Checklist

- Choose your gown. If possible, also select your headpiece now.
- Get measured (bust, waist, and hips—and possibly shoulders, based on the dress style).
- Decide what size to order. Ask to see the manufacturer's sizing chart yourself; choose the size that fits your largest measurement.
- Request a letter of agreement or review your receipt for the following critical points:
  - Name and contact information for you and the salon
  - Your wedding date
  - A detailed description of your dress, including:
    - Designer or manufacturer name
    - Style number
    - Color
    - Fabric
    - Size ordered
  - Any special requests (extra length, beading, different sleeves, and so on)
  - Date the dress will be delivered to the store
  - Descriptions of any accessories you order
  - Total price, itemized for the dress, headpiece, alteration estimate, and any other accessories or services (such as steaming)
  - Deposit amount due
  - Balance and date due
  - Cancellation and refund policy
  - Salesperson's/owner's signature
- Keep a copy of receipt.