

## Questions to Ask Bridal Salons

- What size sample dresses are available to try on? (Most stores only have samples in a size 8 or 10.)
- Can you look through the dresses yourself, or does the salesperson bring them out? (Many stores will let you look through samples to get an idea of what you like; then the salesperson brings you gowns to try on based on your preferences.)
- Does the store carry the designers you are interested in?
  - \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the store carry dresses in your price range? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the store have shoes and undergarments to try on with gowns, or must you bring your own? (Find out when you call to make your appointment.)
- If you like a dress that the store doesn't carry, will it order a sample for you to try on? (Just keep in mind that you may then be obligated to buy the dress. Find out if the store is able to borrow a sample from the manufacturer.)
- How long does it generally take for a dress to come in after it's been ordered? (It usually takes three to four months.) Can the order be rushed, if necessary?
- Can you see a fabric sample for the dress you're interested in ordering? (Sample dresses you try on may be worn from wear, and the shade may not be true.)
- Does the store carry headpieces and other accessories (purses, gloves, shoes)? If not, can they suggest other places to shop?
- Can you get a written alteration estimate when you order your dress? (It's difficult to tell exactly what needs to be altered until the dress comes in, but ask for a basic price list. This should be a flat fee or even included.)
- If your bridesmaids order their dresses through this store, do you receive a discount?
- Ask for recommendations based on:
  - What style, shape, color, and details you're thinking of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - The formality of your wedding: \_\_\_\_\_