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a grand affair

Brides-to-be will find silky satin and crystal-embellished lace as the centerpieces for this season's luxurious and feminine gowns

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The ribbon halter of this Maggie Sottero dress and the lace-up corset back closure work together to create a very figure-flattering dress. The ruched satin is gathered at the hip, and features beaded lace detailing. Available at B&B Bridal in Little Rock, bracelet, ring and earrings from Four Pass in Little Rock.

(Facing page) Layers and layers of lush ivory-colored silk are swept across this to-Spice gown. This strapless dress also features a long line of covered buttons running down the back and a wondrously full train. Available at Proposals in Little Rock. Jewelry available at Four Pass in Little Rock.



The crystal headband is just the start, leaving touch for the fingertip grace. The beaded overlay features embroidered flowers and the crystal-encrusted accents are quite delicate. Dress and headband available at Ivey's Bridal and Formal in Beverly Jewelry from Rose Park.

Facing page: The sophistication of this ivory silk gown by Fashions looks allows the intricate lace back and skirt to stand as a decidedly feminine design focus, while the crystal-encrusted bodice adds shimmer. Available at Ivey's Bridal and Formal in Beverly Jewelry from Rose Park.





Don't forget the back of your gown should be as beautiful as the front, and this Winnie Couture ivory dress is a perfect example. The dramatic silhouette features a crystal-studded buckle closure and a single silk ribbon, which floats down to join the train. The extra-low back is very slimming, and the silver embroidery and beading make the front of the dress just as divine. Available at Jodie Moore's in North Little Rock. Earrings from Faux Pas.

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