

## PART 3: UNDERSTANDING THE BRIDAL DRESS PART 2

### SLEEVES

- Cap - shortest of sleeves, traditionally covers the shoulder only
- Fitted - close to the arm, no excess material
- Juliet - tightly fitted sleeve with a small pouf at the shoulder
- Leg of Mutton - very full at the shoulder, sleeve remains full until it narrows to become very fitted at the forearm
- Melon - extravagantly rounded sleeve extending from shoulder to elbow
- Off-the-Shoulder - sleeves literally look like they fell off your shoulders
- Poet - fitted long sleeve with an outward flare just above the wrists
- Spaghetti Straps - thin straps between 1/8" and 1" wide
- Three-Quarter - sleeve ending between the elbow and middle forearm - fitted or loose
- Tulip - cap sleeve made of overlapping fabric curving into a petal like shape over the top of the arm

### NECKLINES

- Boat - straight across shoulders with a slight dip in front
- Band - like a mock turtleneck, high neckline circling the neck
- Decolletage - a revealing, deep, plunging neckline
- Halter - neckline scoops in front and ties behind the neck, leaving arms bare
- Illusion Yoke - transparent fabric from the neckline to the bust line
- Jewel - high neckline following the natural shape of your shoulders and neck
- Keyhole Back - tear-shaped opening, close to the nape of the neck
- Queen Anne - high-standing collar with a sweet-heart style cut in front
- Scoop Neck - low, curved neckline cut deep in the back, front, or both
- Square Forms - half-square around the neck
- Strapless Neckline - reveals the shoulders, designed with a coordinating wrap or jacket
- Sweetheart - heart shaped neckline

### VEILS

- Ballet/Waltz - falls to the ankles; simple with multiple layers
- Blusher - short veil worn over the face and can be attached to a longer veil
- Cathedral-Length - longest of all veils, generally at least 3+ feet in length, attaches to headpiece or waist
- Fingertip - several layers of veiling extending to the fingertips
- Fly-Away - multiple layers of veiling that brush the shoulders; typically worn with informal, ankle-length dresses

### SIZES

Generally, wedding dresses are a size or two larger than normal clothing, so don't worry if you suddenly have to wear a size 10 when you know you're a size 8. Remember different dress cuts can be snug in certain places. If you have a small waist and a large bust, you might need to try on different sizes for different dress styles.

