

Berriboned WEDDING DRESS

The Marriage of Fashion and Craft

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These days, handmade is not something to shy away from when it comes to planning a wedding celebration.

Instead of settling for mainstream and hum-ho, contemporary couples know that their big event is a perfect time to let their personalities shine through – from the overall style and theme down to the tiniest of details. Even mass producers of event goods have caught onto this trend, and you can find supplies in the wedding section of your local craft store that mimic the look of handmade for a fraction of the time and effort.



While it's easy to assume that a crafty bride's jewelry, reception décor or bouquet might be DIY, why not go above and beyond by creating your own one-of-a-kind gown? Designer Kristi McDonough has done just that, creating a show-stopping, body-hugging, craft-loving version of the all-important white dress.

Kristi chose a dress pattern with very simple lines and few pieces for ease of matching seams: Vogue V2237, a Badgley Mischka evening gown. Then, she used a simple technique that produces fabric using various ribbons and trims (see page 97 for details) directly on top of her pattern pieces to fit the correct length and width. After cutting out her ribbon fabric pattern pieces, she followed the pattern directions to complete the gown, using delicate tissue silk for the lining.

Learn how to create your own ribbon fabrics with a simple table runner how-to on page 97. Then, consider applying your new skills to a bridal project of your own – whether it be a small clutch bag, a simple rehearsal dinner skirt or perhaps an entire ensemble for the big day! 

SUGGESTED PRODUCTS

- Silk satin ribbons, Swiss edgings, Victorian laces and tissue silk from store.marthapullen.com
- Twill, velvet satin-edged ribbon, striped ribbons, grosgrain satin-edged ribbons and dupioni ribbons from www.mayarts.com
- Pattern V2237 from voguepatterns.mccall.com
- Dritz Liquid Stitch glue and Wash Away Wonder Tape from www.joann.com

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