

# Fashion Forecast

Insiders predict fall's hottest trends

Three area wedding gown experts discuss the most compelling—yet totally wearable—trends they spotted during New York Bridal Fashion Week in April. **EDITOR: LAUREN MATTHEWS**



**The Salon:** Lovely Bridal Shop  
**The Trend:** Blush-colored gowns  
**The Gown:** Duchess, Ivy & Aster,  
 \$2,030

"I love blush gowns because the color still reads 'white,' but it actually is much more flattering on a range of skin tones," says owner Lanie List. "The color creates a beautiful palette when paired with neutral-colored bridesmaid dresses, which are so popular right now. Our city brides tend to be very fashion-forward, so I think blush will be a big hit with them. One of my favorite blush styles from market is this Duchess gown from Ivy & Aster. It's a beautiful, refined tulle gown in a warm, peachy hue. There's also a coordinating blush-and-silver jacket that is to-die-for—it adds a youthful, trendy feel, but you can always slip it off for those 'timeless' portraits."



**The Salon:** Gabriella New York  
**The Trend:** Illusion necklines  
**The Gown:** Sparrow, Claire Pettibone,  
 \$5,900

"One of my favorite trends from market was the illusion neckline," says owner Gabriella Risatti, "and this gown by Claire Pettibone, with handkerchief sleeves and beaded flowers and leaves, is a beautiful example of the trend. I love this look because it's so different from the strapless necklines we've seen in recent years. I think the collarbone is such a subtly sexy part of a woman's body, and an illusion neckline adds a bit of mystery and sexiness since you can see the décolletage, but it's still slightly covered. New York brides tend to want to be different and fashionable, and I think this is the perfect way to pull that off."



**The Salon:** Bridal Reflections  
**The Trend:** Corset bodices  
**The Gown:** Milano, Ines DiSanto,  
 \$10,780

"I think ballgowns with corset bodices are going to be *the* trend of the season and into next year," says vice president Cristina DeMarco. "I especially loved the sheer corset bodices embellished with jewels and embroidery—it's a really one-of-a-kind look that I know our innovative brides will love. Many New York brides also love the idea of wearing more than one dress, and some of the corset styles—like this one by Ines DiSanto—can easily be separated into two pieces, allowing our seamstresses to add a short skirt from the designer that can be worn underneath a detachable ballgown skirt. It's a relatively economical way to pull off a second reception look."

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