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## Bride's Guide to Fabric and Lace

It's helpful to know the differences in fabrics and lace when you are shopping for your gown and attendants' dresses.

**Charmeuse.** Classic charmeuse is made of silk. Polyester blends are also available. It is a soft, lightweight cloth that drapes beautifully.

**Crepe de chine.** Silk or blended fabric with a floating quality.

**Faille.** A full-bodied pure silk or polyester fabric often used for autumn or wintertime gowns.

**Organza.** Crisp sheer silk, often accented with appliques.

**Taffeta.** That silk or silk-blend fabric known best for its rustle — just like Mommy's red silk taffeta petticoat in "Gone With the Wind."

**Tulle.** Looks like veiling, and many brides use it on their headpieces. Also nice in layers on a dress.

**Alencon lace.** An expensive lace from France. Beloved for its delicate leaf and floral patterns.

**Brussels lace.** Rare, delicate lace with subtle designs. Imported from Belgium. Used on the finest gowns.

**Chantilly lace.** Also from France, it is known for its delicate spider's web pattern. Authentic Chantilly is identified by its soft feel.

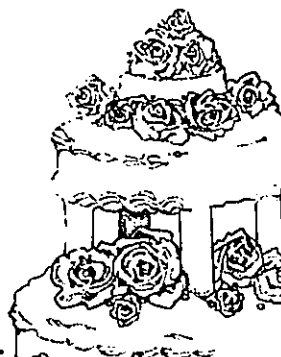
**Schiffli embroidery.** Made in the United States, it comes in delicate patterns resembling more expensive laces. It is embroidered on the gown.

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