

An Affair to Remember

Bridal & Special Occasion Boutique

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Many times Brides-to-be try on a wedding gown and like the overall look but wish that they could change a certain part of it. Having the opportunity to custom design your wedding gown has now become a reality at An Affair to Remember Bridal & Special Occasion Boutique.

Brides-to-be have the opportunity to mix and match over 100 different combinations to design their ultimate dream gown by Jasmine. Couture embellishments and artistic tailoring are the hallmark of gowns by Jasmine Bridal, a company that has specialized in elegant wedding fashions for over 20 years.

There are six parts of the gown which can be modified including the train, skirt, waistline, sleeve, neckline and an embroidery or lace bodice. With so many different embellishments and designs for each part of the dress, every Bride's style can be accommodated.

"Most customers have fun with the combinations and will add details from other dresses onto theirs," manager Radonna Hinojosa said. "A gown that originally had sleeves can be made strapless with an added train. With so many unique designs, the possibilities really are endless." Some of the most requested modifications include changing the skirt from a fit and flare silhouette to an A-line, removing the train and changing the neckline.

"Once a combination is selected, we send off the order and it typically takes around 16 weeks to arrive back to the boutique, although for an extra fee the dress can be rushed," Hinojosa said.

An Affair to Remember also offers Temple Ready redesigns by Jasmine. The Temple Ready service allows the Bride to customize the neckline and sleeve length, which reflects not only her own personal style but is appropriate for her ceremonial and religious needs as well.

The custom design dress services are just the highlight of the many unique offerings at the boutique. Rows of bridal, prom and special occasion dresses line the walls of the boutique, where a variety of styles are available, even the boutique's own namesake brand.

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Another unique feature An Affair to Remember offers is a "tailor-made system", which is a patented system that allows a single sample to be tried on sizes 4-28. By matching the size numbers on zippered panels, one sample acts as 13 sizes. The system, which was first created in 2004, is not a substitute for alteration and does not eliminate the need for measurements; however, it is designed to help a woman find her correct true size and gives a better view of how the dress will fit.



shoes of all different styles and designs are available to complete the final look.

As a service to their customers, An Affair to Remember places orders for gowns immediately as opposed to other boutiques, which typically wait until they have received a large number of orders before sending off for the gowns.

"We are unique from a lot of different other boutiques in the area because we order gowns for customers the same day they request them. Most boutiques only place one big order a month and we are constantly making orders to get the gowns to our customers as soon as possible," bridal consultant Karen Koletar said.

An Affair to Remember participates in many bridal fairs in the area and gives fashion shows for local women's clubs as well.

"We want people to come by and take a look at our selection," Hinojosa said. "They don't need to go all the way to San Antonio to find exactly what they are looking for. Corpus Christi has a lot to offer."

For more information, call An Affair to Remember at 361-985-2800 or visit them at 5830 McArdle, Suite 9, Corpus Christi, TX.

An Affair to Remember features bridal gowns by:

- Casablanca, House of Wu, Mori Lee (plus sizes available), Jasmine Haute Couture, An Affair to Remember, Essense Of Australia and Ella Wedding Dresses



Alterations at the boutique are offered by Angie Carrillo who is available by appointment. Carrillo has been a professional seamstress for 30 years and has specialized in bridal and prom gowns, as well as redesign and reconstruction of gowns for 20 years.

Aside from the vast selection of gowns, the boutique is a Bride-to-be's dream come true as a one-stop shop for all her accessories for the big day. Shelves are bejeweled with crystal earrings, bracelets, headbands, handbags and hairpins to make the Bride feel like a million dollars. Veils, garters, gloves, bras and dyeable

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