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Katalina Kuřikova  
wears Pronovias'  
2012 catwalk



# Master of romance

Vintage glamour and lashings of lace are big news for style-savvy brides, says Pronovias creative director Manuel Mota

I was love at second sight for Manuel Mota, creative director of Barcelona-based empire Pronovias, who confesses he initially found bridal design would be a bit limiting. "Coming from the world of high fashion I thought, 'I've only got two white dresses in me before it gets boring,'" he jokes. "But in the end, I found that in bridal, I get to play with volume and finishes, and I'd never be able to work with so many skilled workers in regular fashion. Plus, you get to make women's dreams come true!"

It's been a busy few months for the designer, whose past clients include Penny Lancaster and Czech supermodel Hana Soukupova. Days before April's royal wedding, he unveiled three delectably detailed dresses (think statement trains, intricate beades and just here, too sleeve) inspired by Kate Middleton at the London flagship store on New Bond Street. And he recently debuted the Pronovias 2012 collection, showcasing sensual silhouettes, rich fabrics and soft veils. "Silk tulle is a star this season, with an emphasis on vintage touches like beading and aged silver embroidery," says Manuel. Most covetable (in our humble opinion) has to be the lace rape, giving old-world romance a thoroughly modern twist. Buy local!

## Manuel's top tips for brides

### You're the star

So many brides come in wanting to look like this actress or that celebrity. Don't try to emulate anyone else - accept the truth: so they work for you.

### Be open to expert guidance

The professionals in the shops work with brides every day and are experienced in flattening your shape, so trust them.

### Work your best assets

Your dress should enhance the parts of your body you love - whether it's your waist, neckline or shoulders, show them off!

### Picture your venue

Take the time and place of the wedding into account when choosing your dress. A beach ceremony requires a very different dress to a cathedral wedding.

### Think beyond the dress

It's the overall look that matters, so choose your shoes and veil carefully. They can completely transform your style and make it more formal or more casual depending on your theme.

### Less is more

Coco Chanel famously said, "Before you leave the house, take one thing off" and the same applies to bridal. Don't do a hair, statement earrings, necklaces and veil - unburden yourself a bit.

## Manuel's best bridal buys



"Add a touch of home to your honeymoon hotel suite." Pomegranate Noir travel candle, £22, Jo Malone



"Throw a cover-up over your bikini for an instant hit of poolside glam." Long kaftan, £220, Tallulah & Hope



"Give the cooling body milk an air whiff of tangy citrus." Sephora Shimmering Skin Perfector Cooling Spray, £22, Sephora, Super Space 102



"Cashmere is perfect to keep you warm on a long-haul flight." Cashmere scarf, £197, Cumberport



"You don't need to compromise on style with these affordable shades." Sunglasses, £53, Follie Follie



"One travel investment has to be an oversized tote - up to several tons for unaccompanied kids." Weekend bag, £196, Sandstrom