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## **Dress Stress Alleviated**

"Something borrowed, something blue" .... that is the easy part. The Wanderer has known a few brides (and their mothers!) and he understands that the all important wedding dress sets the tone for the day. He sympathizes with the quest for the perfect ensemble and hopes to offer these local solutions to help with the "something new" part. Now all he has to do is press his handkerchief.

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Have you ever dreamt of designing your own wedding gown for your special day? If the answer is yes, then their designer, Angel, will make your dream come true. As a bride, you can try many gowns and still not find the perfect one. Ideal dresses are often a combination of many styles. Brides who bring in pictures, ideas, and descriptions to Le Star Bridal leave with the gown of their dreams. As a designer/dressmaker with 32 years of experience, Angel understands body type, custom cut and most importantly, proportions.

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Katherine's Bridal Boutique has many gowns to choose from including designs by Demetrios, Eve of Milady and Alvina Valenta. They are also able to work with a Bride to create a unique dress of her very own and rush orders are never a problem. After the wedding day preserve your dress with their unique heirlooming process. 3104 Duke Street, 703.370.8922, katherinesbridalboutique.com

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For many years, Gossypia has been known for a large selection of lovely informal, encore, and destination wedding dresses. Special occasion dresses and informal dresses are here, designers include Jessica McClintock, Sue Wong and Mon Cheri. Appointments are required for weekend wedding dress shopping. 325 Cameron Street, 703.836.6969,

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