

## Getting married? Let a computer help you create the dress of your dreams!

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Many brides dream of sewing their own wedding gown, either on their own or with help from Mom or Grandma. Unfortunately, many brides feel intimidated and decide that the job would just be too big and complicated. Before you make that decision, take a minute to look into the latest sewing machine technology -- it just might change your mind. "Anyone who hasn't shopped for sewing machines recently will certainly be surprised by how much today's machines can do and how easy they are to use," says Kim Novak, Pfaff Education Manager. "You might say that machines today are computers with a sewing machine attached. The technology can really help unleash your creativity." There is a sewing machine for every need and skill level, whether you use it for occasional projects or sew on a regular basis. Brides who are going to sew a wedding gown should consider the Pfaff Creative 2170. This machine not only sews to perfection, but also creates amazing embroideries. You can design your own unique embroideries that will highlight your personal style. Using the beading foot, you can have a beautiful beaded and embroidered gown that looks fresh off the runway! The sewing machine's software makes it quick and easy to turn your ideas into reality. For large embroidery projects like the train of your wedding gown, Pfaff's grand hoop is indispensable. This embroidery hoop is nearly twice as large as standard hoops, which is a real time saver when it comes to embroidering large areas, you're not forever repositioning the fabric within the hoop. Each hoop comes with a matching Perspex table to support the weight of the fabric and eight hoop clips designed especially to hold the fabric in place. Now that you have your equipment, it's time to choose a style and your fabric. Designing and sewing your own gown ensures that it is uniquely you. Choose a dress style that is flattering to your body type, and choose embellishments that reflect your personal style. "Pfaff's IDT, or built in walking foot, means you don't have to worry about having trouble with fine fabrics like silk and satin, and you can take advantage of special feet that add detail to a dress like pintucks or piping," says Sara Boughner, Pfaff Education Consultant. And don't forget the veil -- you can add ribbons, beads, silk flowers or beautiful lace edging for that special touch. Here are a few hints from the experts at Pfaff for brides who are making their own dress: \* Give yourself plenty of time. Start your dress right away. It may seem like the wedding is far away, but you don't want to rush through this project, and as with most projects, it will probably take longer than you think and time flies by when you are planning a wedding! \* Visit bridal shops to try on gowns to help you decide what you'd like your dress to look like, and to see what looks best on you. Keep an open mind while trying dresses on, you may be surprised by what is most flattering! \* Professional seamstresses recommend making a "trial version" of your dress out of inexpensive muslin. This gives you a chance to see how it will fit, address any design issues and work through any tricky techniques before you start the actual dress. \* For a wedding gown, you'll want to visit a speciality fabric store for the best selection of fabrics and trim. If there isn't a specialty fabric store near you, the Internet is a great resource. \*When using lightweight fabrics, be sure to use appropriate interlining so your gown has a good foundation. With your imagination and Pfaff's creative technology, you'll look amazing on your wedding day. A quality sewing machine is an investment that will serve you for years to come. Some computerized machines can even be upgraded online by downloading the latest software from your computer to your sewing machine adding even more creative features.

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