



**T** There was no question in Kayce Sala's mind that she had found "the one."

A strapless column of crystallized fabric with a slight flare to the skirt and the subtlest hint of a sweetheart shape to the neckline, this dress caught her eye even before John Teel asked for her hand in marriage.

"It was love at first sight with this dress," Kayce recalls.

A production and design assistant for Atlanta bridal designer Anne Barge, Kayce had an inside track to the very latest and most luxurious bridal gowns. But even she wished for just a few little tweaks to make this great gown the perfect gown for her day in the spotlight.

"I just had to bedazzle it more for myself," she says. "I worked with our Indian beader to create a custom beaded neckline. The dress takes 1,600 hours to hand-bead and retails at about \$7,600 plus the \$1,200 in changes I made."

The result: one happy bride.

There is no more arduous hunt for the bride-to-be than the hunt for that perfect gown (the guy, after all, is hooked). There are countless combinations of fabric, beading, embroidery and silhouettes to choose from, and many a young woman has traveled to the far corners of the state and beyond seeking the one combination she can say "I do" to.

Believe it or not, it's not always love at first sight.

