

Country Couture



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*A*s you scour bridal magazines and the Internet looking for wedding styles that match your aesthetic, you probably have seen and even admired *country couture* without knowing it. Misty Miotto, an award-winning wedding photographer based out of Central Florida, captured the essence of this style in her latest creative shoot. Before you turn away to admire her work, let's break down the two words and define the style first.



Country style can be generalized as laidback, flirty and fresh. Silhouettes are simple but classic, which tends to compliment different body types. Fabrics often used are cotton, lace, denim, linen, leather, and wool – think natural.

Couture (*fashion or dressmaking* in French) refers to the creation of exclusive, custom-fitted clothing. Haute couture (*high fashion*) alludes to the extreme attention to detail used in creating a highly-individualized handmade garment. Couture calls to mind the runways of Paris, and a custom-designed work of wearable art.

Of course, you don't have to fly to Paris and get your dress hand-stitched, but your wedding details should be one-of-a-kind. There are several celebrities that really capture the spirit of country couture, most notably country music sensations Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood.

As you begin choosing wedding details, look for vintage-inspired items from thrift and antique stores. Not only will they be budget-friendly, but they will give your wedding a unique look. The detail shots in this pictorial are great examples of how to mix vintage pieces with elegant touches.

Most people are visual learners, so check out Misty's photos, then search online for "country couture wedding." Once you're armed with research, communicate your ideas to your photographer and beauty team. They are the ones who are going to make you look like the country couture diva you already are.



Misty Miotto: Photography, hair and makeup **Cut the Cake:** Cake **Carly Ane's Floral:** Bouquet and centerpiece **Anna Cakes:** Cupcakes **Modern Bridal:** David Tutera gown **A Chair Affair:** Chiavari chairs **Over the Top Linens:** Table linens