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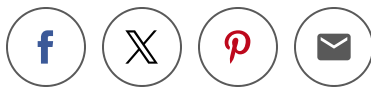
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# The Best Fall Wedding Guest Dresses, Handpicked by Shopping Editors and Writers

Plus, dresses we've actually worn to fall ceremonies

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While you can impress in a strapless dress in September, by November you may be shivering in the same silhouette. It's important to have options, especially since transitional weather is unpredictable.

We've rounded up the fall-ready dresses we're most excited to see this wedding season, from black strapless gowns to long-sleeve options with autumnal prints. (We're even sharing some of the [best wedding guest dresses](#) we've actually worn to fall weddings.)

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\$498 at Saks Fifth Avenue

Ruffled black tulle makes this dress fitting for fall nuptials. The ethereal fabric is moody enough for the later fall months, though it's still plenty playful for the transitional months, too. Pair with a shawl to extend its wear throughout the season.

**Size Range:** 0–16 | **Colors:** 1 | **Material:** 100% polyester

### Editors Say

"I wore this dress to my cousin's black tie wedding, and it was a hit. It creates the perfect hourglass silhouette, moves with you on the dancefloor, and is comfortable even with extended wear. I got so many compliments that I'm excited to bring it out for more weddings and black-tie events next year."—[Madison Yauger](#), shopping editor

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## **[Abercrombie & Fitch Drop-Waist Midi Dress](#)**

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This black Abercrombie dress has a super-soft fabric and comfortable fit, so you can take in the event rather than worry about what you're wearing. Don't be fooled by the comfort factor — this dress is still so elegant, so you can keep it ready for many semi-formal fall weddings to come.

**Size Range:** XXS–XL, and petite, regular, and tall | **Colors:** 2 | **Material:** 98% cotton, 2% elastane

### Editors Say

“The boat neck and drop-waist silhouette elevates what would be a classic LBD into something wedding-worthy, and I can't wait to keep this dress in rotation for all of the wedding festivities I have coming up for friends.”—[Alyssa Brascia](#), *shopping writer*

 Two photos of a person sitting on a bench wearing Abercrombie & Fitch Drop-Waist Midi Dress while holding a glass

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Our editors frequently use clothing subscription services, like Nuuly and Rent the Runway, to order wedding guest dresses. We've [tested both services](#), and we think they're a great alternative to buying a dress for one occasion.

A person standing outside wearing the Hutch Deva Dress

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 [Lulus Taupe Ruched One-Shoulder  
Maxi Dress](#)

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Shopping for a black-tie wedding can be tricky: You'll want to play it safe with the dress code, while still showing off your personal style. This one-shoulder dress from Lulus does both.

**Size Range:** XXS–XL | **Colors:** 3 | **Material:** 94% polyester, 6% spandex

### Editors Say

"This dress hugs and highlights your curves, but the ruching around the stomach offers a little camouflage where needed. It's gorgeous and sexy, but also really comfortable for sitting, standing, and, of course, dancing!" —*Madison Yauaer*

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 **BHLDN Francesca High-Neck Stretch  
Velvet**

PHOTO: ANTHROPOLOGIE

**\$248 at Anthropologie**

Velvet instantly elevates any silhouette, and we love this velvet gown from Anthropologie's BHLDN line. The color options include the gorgeous jewel tones that we're reaching for this fall.

**Size Range:** XXS–XXL | **Colors:** 5 | **Material:** Polyester, elastane

## Stylists Say

"Just because you're a wedding guest doesn't mean you need to blend into the background. For photo-worthy moments, indulge in fabrics like velvet and silk."—[Cindy Conroy](#), *celebrity stylist*

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 [Lulus Midnight Mood Burgundy Floral Print Tiered Maxi Dress](#)

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**\$35 at Lulus**

Short sleeve dresses are a great pick for fall weather. They'll keep your shoulders warm and fit well under jackets or a [cardigan sweater](#) for brisk days yet won't be too hot once you're indoors. The combination of the print and deep red color here make this Lulus dress the epitome of fall wedding fashion.

**Size Range:** XS–XL | **Colors:** 2 | **Material:** 100% polyester

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**\$348 at Reformation**

Reformation's airy Winslow dress cinches the waist and provides ample arm coverage. It has so many autumn colors and patterns to choose from that make it a no-brainer for fall nuptials.

**Size Range:** XS–XL | **Colors:** 8 | **Material:** 100% viscose

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 [Anrabess Satin Strapless Maxi Dress](#)

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\$50  
**\$40 at Amazon**

This sleek sleeveless dress is one of our favorite wedding guest dresses, and its maxi length adds a bit of coverage against fall weather. It would pair well with a coat on chillier wedding days, but also looks great as a standalone.

**Size Range:** S–XL | **Colors:** 12 | **Material:** 92% polyester, 8% spandex

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### [BHLDN Amelia Deep-V Satin Maxi Dress](#)

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**\$220 at Anthropologie**

Elegant and classic, you can rewear this dress for many occasions to come. The flutter sleeves offer a bit of arm coverage, while the A-line silhouette accentuates the waist. It comes in six fall-friendly hues such as forest and moss greens, plus navy.

**Size Range:** XXS-XL | **Colors:** 6 | **Material:** 100% polyester

### [Lulus Cause for Commotion Pleated Bustier Maxi Dress](#)

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 [Lulus Cause for Commotion Pleated Bustier Maxi Dress](#)

PHOTO: LULUS

**\$88 at Lulus**

There's a lot that we love about this dress, and the maxi length is just one of them. We're also fans of the style's flirty sweetheart neckline, tight bodice, and sultry side slit. Red is a great fall color and you'll pop in every group photo with this gown.

**Size Range:** XS–XL | **Colors:** 3 | **Material:** 100% polyester

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 **Floerns Satin Slip Midi Dress**

PHOTO: AMAZON

**\$35 at Amazon**

Satin slip dresses are classic wedding guest dresses, but we particularly love the pattern on this one for the fall season. It reminds us of a beautiful fall-themed flower arrangement featuring some of the season's best blooms.

**Size Range:** XS–XXL | **Colors:** 34 | **Material:** 100% acrylic

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**[Lulus Satin Mock Neck Maxi Dress](#)**

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This dress will elongate any silhouette thanks to its lengthy maxi hemline and raised waistline. The color lineup includes so many fall-forward options like wine, olive, and black.

**Size Range:** X-3X | **Colors:** 6 | **Material:** 96% polyester, 4% spandex

[Abercrombie and Fitch Ruffle Tiered Maxi Dress](#)

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### [Abercrombie Drama Ruffle Tiered Maxi Dress](#)

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Abercrombie and Fitch is known for its wide sizing selection and length variety for different heights, and this dress is no exception. We love that it's fitted at the upper body yet relaxed and tiered below the waistline for a little something extra.

**Size Range:** XXS–XXL, and petite, regular, and tall | **Colors:** 3 | **Material:** 97% polyester lining, 100% polyester body

### [Reformation Jamen Knit Dress](#)

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**\$178 at Reformation**

The neckline here puts a unique spin on what would otherwise be a classic LBD, drawing attention to your face and shoulders. It also boasts a sleek bodycon silhouette, a knitted fabric, and some ruched details.

**Size Range:** XS–XL | **Colors:** 5 | **Material:** 88% Tencel lyocell, 12% spandex

[PrettyGarden Satin Tie Waist Mini Dress](#)

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If your legs are among your best assets, you'll definitely like this satin midi dress. It'll let you show some skin at a fall wedding while still keeping your arms warm with long sleeves and a high neckline. It also has a beautiful wrap detail at the bodice that helps to accentuate the waist.

**Size Range:** S-XXL | **Colors:** 27 | **Material:** 100% polyester

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**\$50 at Amazon**

We love the way the tied bow straps and waist of this dress look with the ruffled hem for a flirty, feminine vibe. Perfect for any kind of fall wedding, this dress comes in several autumnal colors such as orange, green, and red.

**Size Range:** S–XL | **Colors:** 21 | **Material:** 100% polyester

[Lulus Marvelous Affair Pleated Maxi Dress](#)

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This long-sleeve dress from Lulus is perfect for chilly weather. We love the emerald color for fall weddings, along with the leg slit and V-neck that add some edginess to an otherwise modest gown.

**Size Range:** XS–XL | **Colors:** 1 | **Material:** 100% polyester

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### [Prettygarden Smocked Tiered Maxi Dress](#)

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**\$44 at Amazon**

Thanks to its comfy, loose-fitting style and cute Boho vibe, this dress is our favorite casual guest dress for a fall wedding. With its short sleeves, smocked bodice, flared hem, and floral pattern, this would be ideal for a country setting or outdoor wedding venues throughout the season.

**Size Range:** S–XL | **Colors:** 13 | **Material:** 95% polyester, 5% elastane

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Stay warm during the ceremony by adding another layer, like an elegant shawl or a blazer, if your dress doesn't provide *quite* enough coverage for those chillier fall days.

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make sure that your dress has a comfortable yet complimentary fit and that you'll be able to dance the night away as soon as the music starts.

"Always accentuate your best features. If your legs are killer, opt for a dress with a slit," [celebrity stylist Kat Gosik](#) tells PEOPLE. "If your arms aren't your favorite body part, try a long sleeve dress this fall."

## Color and Texture

Depending on the ceremony's theme, you can wear almost any color dress to a wedding except one: white. Gosik also says to "avoid anything with too much sequins or sequins at all. Leave the sparkle and glitz up to the bride and mother of the bride and/or groom."

In regards to color, if you're wanting to stay on trend with the fall theme, we'd recommend going with the fall classics: deep, rich colors that emulate the colors we see in nature during the season. If you need inspiration, start by taking a look at our favorite [fall lipstick colors](#) and find a dress to pair with one.

## Stylists Say

"Earthy olive green, dark moody florals, and mustard yellow are a celebratory alternative to navy and black dresses. Richly saturated jewel tones like burgundy and emerald green are winners, too."—  
*Cindy Conroy*

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wedding, a flowy sundress may align with the vibe better. If you're at a total loss for what to wear, we recommend asking the bride or groom what they'd love to see their guests wearing.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What makes a good quality wedding guest dress?**

Silhouette and fabric are the two biggest quality indicators when shopping for a wedding guest dress. You'll want to ensure the silhouette flatters your best features and is also comfortable to wear for long periods of time. The fabric is also a big quality indicator as you want it to be comfortable on the skin, durable, and suitable for the day's weather.

### **How much should you spend on a good wedding guest dress?**

We've found a few solid wedding guest dresses for under \$40, as well as a few above \$200. It really depends on your budget and what style you're looking for. If you're wanting a dress that can be worn to multiple events, we recommend going a little bit higher in price so that you can ensure the dress is durable. But if you know the dress is a one-and-done deal, a cheaper option will work just fine — just make sure to read customer reviews to eliminate any red flags about stitching quality and sizing.

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For this article, Olivia drew on her own experience shopping for wedding guest dresses and interviewed celebrity stylist [Kat Gosik](#) to get her take on what to look for as well as what will be trending this season. Olivia spent time searching the internet to find the best fall wedding guest dresses from your favorite retailers such as Lulus, Amazon, Nordstrom, Azazie, Reformation, Abercrombie and Fitch, Showpo, and more.

[Genevieve Cepeda](#) is a shopping writer at PEOPLE. She most recently updated this article to include 2024's best offerings, as well as favorites from PEOPLE writers and editors.

## Our Expert Panel

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