

Slipping Into Something More

Comfortable



It's all about
what's under
your dress.

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Although bridal gowns have been trending toward the traditional, what the bride wears underneath has been going through a lot of change. "You're not seeing the boning you saw in corsets just a few years ago," says Rosa Belleville, owner of Mme. Pirie's Famise Corset & Lingerie Shop in Albany. "Everything is invisible."

While the desire to disguise those "wobbly bits" (thank you, Bridget

Jones), has remained a bridal priority, the way to do it has literally gone seamless. Soft microfibers have replaced steel boning, allowing the bride to literally breathe easier on her big day.

Most of the Capital Region bridal shops we talked to carried longline bras, which extend from the breastline to the midriff or waistline, slenderizing the silhouette while providing optimal support. "We

offer them for the fitting, and if the bride decides to purchase it, it's considered part of the alteration costs," says Nora Palmer of Angela's Bridal in Albany.

If you want that elusive custom fit, however, you'll want to shop around at specialized lingerie shops such as Mme. Pirie's, or explore the lingerie departments of area department stores. Both Boscov's and Macy's offer fittings with no

