

# melanie ford

**MELANIE'S CAREER HIGHLIGHT:** The 20-year-old won the prestigious 1998 Whitehouse Student of the Year Award. She has won a scholarship to study international design in Italy.



"I wanted to give Sophie the chance to escape into a fantastical, exotic world — to have a wonderful flight of fancy on her wedding day," says Melanie Ford (below).

"I was inspired by the idea of the English in India and the combination of Eastern and Western design styles.

"The dress has classic, traditional and ethnic beauty with a contemporary edge, using the new silvers and embroidery.

"As a contemporary '90s woman, Sophie should wear something other than the traditional white wedding dress.

"I believe pale grey fabrics suggest mystery and evoke an intelligent mood.

"The Indian-style narrow pants add an up-to-the-minute fashion touch under the voluminous split skirt.

"I used the metallic chiffon because of its subtle sheen — it will shimmer as she makes her way down the aisle.

"This design will take Sophie on an escapist journey back to a truly glamorous time."



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