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## DOWNTOWN ELEGANCE

Renowned planner Krystal Tien opens a heavenly one-stop shop for San Diego brides.

BY ARCHANA RAM



**DRESSED TO IMPRESS**  
Elle Bridal Boutique mixes rustic design elements like wooden racks hanging from rope with opulent chandeliers and plush furniture to create an elegant yet relaxed ambience.

Wedding planner Krystal Tien of San Diego-based Couture Events has been styling SoCal nuptials since 2008, but this year she decided to bring her expertise to the fashion realm. In January she opened **Elle Bridal Boutique**, a highly curated gown shop in downtown San Diego, featuring five designers: Amsale, Anais Anette, Claire La Faye, Karen Willis Holmes and *Project Runway* winner Leanne Marshall. The styles, which range from \$2,000 to \$6,000, blend Parisian and SoCal aesthetics, making it easy for brides to transition

from formal ceremonies to beach and garden receptions. "I wanted soft, romantic and sweet gowns," says Tien, a former model, who also worked at FIDM in L.A. "We want to keep it a boutique with the best of the best in each style and create a magical experience, something you'd see in the movies." Tien designed every aspect of the by-appointment-only boutique, including the stylish mix of exposed-brick walls and wooden racks with chandeliers. Beyond gowns, Elle also offers Eberjey lingerie, Twigs & Honey headpieces and Mimi & Lu

jewelry, as well as wedding-cake toppers and paper goods from brands like Sugar Paper. "Why not make it a wedding destination?" Tien says. "Brides will say, 'I have my dress, but I don't know how the jewelry or belt will look.' So we style from head to toe." She also leases the boutique's second floor to fellow wedding vendors Posh Paperie, Garrett Richardson Photography and Anthology Films. Talk about having it all! 1133 Columbia St., Ste. 101, San Diego, 619.326.8034, [ellebridalboutique.com](http://ellebridalboutique.com)



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San Francisco-based conflict-free diamond supplier **Brilliant Earth** has recently opened a second location, a sunny, spa-like showroom in West Hollywood. "We wanted a site that... embodies the elegance and glamour of our designs," says Beth Gerstein, Brilliant Earth's co-founder and co-CEO. The firm includes in-house designers and dedicated collections with pieces like the petite Twisted Vine diamond ring (from \$1,275), plus an impressive selection of vintage pieces (from \$795). There are also gemologists and sales associates that help clients find just the right rock, all of which come with sourcing documentation. 8797 Beverly Blvd, West Hollywood, 310.484.5222, [brilliantearth.com](http://brilliantearth.com) —Shannon Adducci

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