

BELOW Champagne sequined knee-length dress with bow, £1,500, Neil Cunningham.
 RIGHT Short dresses from the Autumn/Winter 2005 collections of (from left) Oscar de la Renta, Narciso Rodriguez and Sportmax



IN SHORT

Knee-length beaded and embroidered dresses that are big on style



Fifties-style satin embroidered knee-length dress with hoop, £1,100, Laura Phillips at Mary Moore



Tulle dress with lace bodice overlay and champagne-coloured bow, £2,250, Monique L'huillier at Browns Bride



Strapless Italian duchesse satin silk dress with lace overlay, made to order, Phillipa Lepley

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