

## Hazel Comyn

### *Hazel Comyn Bridal and Lace*



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Her tulle skirts pushed her into the media spotlight and, just three years after launching her first bridal collection in 2015, Hazel Comyn is now an award-winning bridal designer.

Following a career break, Hazel who had previously worked in a bank, returned to college to study Fashion Design in Mallow College of Design and Tailoring.

Her natural flair for design shone through and she went on to win Designer of the Year with her graduate collection, and then Irish Student Designer of the Year 2014 at Kerry Fashion Week.

When a customer bought one of her designs to wear as a wedding dress in 2015, Hazel started to receive queries about bridal wear.

Her first bridal collection received highly positive reviews, inspiring Hazel to focus on the bridal market. Representing a modern girl, her elegant bridal designs bring with them a sense of tradition and heritage.

She also designs hand-made lace veils, and dresses for bridesmaids and mother of the bride.

Her bespoke designs have featured on RTE's Today Show, TV3's Xposé and in several national publications. Hazel has won several awards, including the Brides of Kerry wedding industry awards in 2018. She has also been shortlisted under the Best Bridal Boutique category in the Image Boutique Awards and in the Kerry regional finals of the National Start-up Awards.

ACORNS boosted Hazel's confidence and gave her more direction. She's currently making all her own designs from her boutique in Cahersiveen, Co Kerry, but with a new website, brides from all over the world can shop her designs.

With several online customers from the UK and the US, her next step is to break into the US market.

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