



SUMMER FAERIE

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This dress is from a line called "A Faerie Wedding." My main source of inspiration was nature. This bridesmaid's dress represents summer. The qualities of summer are represented in the dress through colors and choice of embellishments. I was also inspired by evening gowns of the 1910's and 20's, which were often seen embellished with handmade flowers. Various books on fairies, such as those by Cicely Mary Barker, offered ideas as to the wardrobe of fairies. My own dreams and visions of fairies also played a large part in my designs. Summer Faerie is made of raspberry silk dupioni with princess seams and full skirt; a detachable bustle lined with purple silk organza and embellished handmade ribbon flowers; and a multi-colored tulle petticoat. Each of the flowers and leaves on these dresses was made from various types, sizes, and colors of ribbons. Each was stitched by hand using a variety of techniques to create unique and distinct floral shapes.