



Congratulations, the day has arrived and it's time to pick- up your gown!

1. It is best to pick up your gown on the way to the hotel or out-of-town, etc: So it gets minimal handling. Putting in the car: try to leave as much space in the back seat so it can lay flat and not wrinkle. Keeping it straight is the key!!
2. Once you have arrived at the destination where you will be dressing yourself, hang your gown from the highest point (*not from a sprinkler, chandelier or laid against an unfinished surface*).
3. Take your gown out of the bag and use the loose tissue paper provided to line the floor/carpet. You want the gown to breathe and drop the train as soon as you can to avoid wrinkling, creasing. Keep the gown in the cardboard bust stuffed with tissue until you are ready to step into it.
4. You can cut out the lingerie straps, so that they don't accidentally peek out in photos. Use safety pins at the end of the night to attach them back on so you can hang up your dress.
5. If your gown has wrinkled, you may take it to a dry cleaner or use a personal hand-held steamer filled with **Distilled Water** (*tap water has minerals and may discolor the gown*). Please only **steam under the dress**, not over top, to avoid water spots. (*Please note if a purple spot appears while steaming do not panic this is an invisible marker left behind from production and will disappear in seconds*)!
6. No bright colored nail polish unless dipped or no chip! It can rub off on your dress!
7. If anyone is helping you into your dress that has gotten a spray tan or make up done, make sure they put on gloves before handling your gown.
8. If you get a spot on your gown, blot with **Unscented baby wipes**. Shout and Tide pens or wipes can leave a ring on the dress as these are pre treaters. (Always make sure to blot and blow dry any dampness dry!)
9. If you have functional buttons, use a crochet hook (*4mm - 6mm*) to pull the loops over the buttons.
10. Please break in shoes ahead of time. Using thick socks will prevent blisters and break in shoes quickly. Scratch the bottom of new shoes with a pin or nail file for traction on the dance floor.
11. French bustling is easy! They are color coded and the ties need to be matched and knotted tightly! English bustling is easy too! Match the hook to the loop and pinch closed with **tweezers or pliers** to lock in place!
12. Safety pins are a must to have on the day of, there are many uses for them. If the bustle breaks, to place back your lingerie straps for hanging the gown at the end of the night. If the zipper tag falls off, or if a bridesmaids strap breaks. You can use a safety pin to fix all these situations..
13. Be aware of tan lines and bra lines! Especially with a low back and in the summer. Bras, bikinis, T-shirts, etc.
14. For a sticky zipper you can apply beeswax or non tinted chapstick right on the zipper teeth to make the zipper function smoothly.
15. Last but not least... Please assign someone to collect all Apple Watches and Hair Ties off the wrists of your party as photographers may charge extra to edit them out.

Please call or text us with any questions or concerns at any time at 773.529.8871