

MARK INGRAM BRIDAL ATELIER
to the bride on her Wedding Day:

A bridal “Dresser” is the best insurance on your Wedding Day for a flawless appearance.

The unavoidable crease, etc. caused by traveling/handling of the gown, as well as bustling and dressing the bride perfectly, are expertly handled by bridal Dressers. We have Dressers that we may refer for your hiring.*

However, if you choose not to engage a Dresser, may we provide the following tips:

- * Check your gown and other items at least 2-3 days before your wedding. Hang your gown where there are no pets and/or small children. Open the bag and let the gown hang freely to “breathe,” put a clean white sheet both over the gown and on the floor under it, to keep off dust and other foreign particles. Your veil can be steamed and left hanging near your shower, to self-steam in any ambient humidity present.
- * Wear your shoes indoors as much as possible to break them in before wearing them on your Wedding Day. You can wear socks to stretch them out. Sand, score or etch the soles lightly to increase traction and prevent slipping.
- * Have at least two people assist in dressing you unless the gown is very simple. It is helpful if at least one of these people has been to a fitting with you and has received instruction in completing the bustle built into your gown.
- * Allow ample time to dress. Add at least an hour of preparation time if it is raining.
- * Bring a large white sheet to your dressing location to get dressed upon.
- * Dress in the same order of garments you did in your fittings.
- * Make a checklist of everything you will need to have with you **well in advance** of your Wedding Day. Check the list before you leave home and double-check it when you arrive at your dressing location.
- * Do **not** have anyone with a fresh manicure or dark nail polish help you dress.
- * Compile an “Emergency Kit”—this should contain:

A steamer and/or regular iron and ironing cloth; a large towel; needles and spool of white, clear or ivory silk thread; safety pins; small scissors; a couple of Band-Aids; deodorant; a crochet hook (if you have a gown with button loops); “sticky tape”; aspirin; an extra pair of shoes—the same height as the bridal shoe but more comfortable for later in the evening; a nail file; hairspray; and anything else you can think of (i.e. hairdryer, umbrella, etc.). You may also want to bring an ironing board. A professional wedding Dresser will supply most of the above.

The most important thing when you’re dressing, however, is sufficient time. Any emergency can be addressed if you and your party have ample time. Have fun, and smile!

*we offer suggestions for wedding Dressers but they are not employees of MARK INGRAM BRIDAL ATELIER. We are not liable for their services as they work independently of the salon.