

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

- 1. It is best to pick your gown up, on the way to the hotel or out-of-town, etc.; so it gets minimal handling.
- 2. Putting in the car: try to leave as much space in the back seat so it can lay flat and not wrinkle.
- 3. Once, you have arrived to the destination that you will be dressing yourself, hang your gown from the highest point (not from a sprinkler or an unfinished surface).
- 4. Take your gown out of the bag and use the loose sheets of white tissue provided to line the floor/carpet. You want the gown to breathe and drop the train as soon as you can to avoid wrinkling. Keep the gown in the cardboard bust stuffed with tissue until you are ready to step into it.
- 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 that can soil the gown). Also, remember only steam <u>under</u> the dress, not on top of the dress, it can leave water spots!
- 6. No colored nail polish! It can rub off on your dress.
- 7. If you get a spot on your gown, blot with baby wipes. Shout wipes can leave a ring.
- 8. If you have functional buttons, use a crochet hook to pull the loops over the buttons.
- 9. You can cut out the lingerie straps, so they don't accidentally peek out.
- 10. Scratch the bottom of your shoes, if they have never been worn.
- 11. French bustling is easy! They are color coded and the ties need to be matched up and knotted tightly!