

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Perks Of Being A Charlotte's Bride

*Private Facebook Group*  
*Invites to Private Events*  
*Educational Seminars*  
*Special Promotions*  
*Featured Bride Opportunities*  
*Bridal Party Exclusive Offers*  
*Entry Fee Promos to Bridal Shows*  
*Special Pricing on Steam & Press and*  
*Gown Preservation*



# LET'S GET SOCIAL

**N**ow that you have purchased your gown, it's time to let your friends and family know that you are a Charlotte's Bride!!

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND US AND HOW DO YOU SHARE?

- Join our Charlotte's Facebook Page **CharlottesBridePDX**
- Tag us in your Say Yes to the Dress pics and give a SHOUT OUT to your Stylist
- Refer your newly engaged friends and family to Charlotte's
- Post and Tag us in your wedding gown photos to be a featured bride on our website
- Let other brides know how amazing your experience was at Charlotte's so they can see how magical it can be!

HELP FUTURE BRIDES SAY YES TO THE DRESS AT CHARLOTTE'S  
BY LEAVING US A **5 STAR REVIEW** ON THE FOLLOWING SITES:

THE KNOT  
GOOGLE  
FACEBOOK  
WEDDING WIRE

# BRIDAL ATTIRE CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE

## **EIGHT TO TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING**

- Find and order your perfect gown
- Start to look at bridesmaid gowns and mother of the bride gowns

## **FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING**

- Order bridesmaid gowns
- Order mother of the bride and mother of the groom gowns

## **THREE TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING**

- Order veil and accessories
- Choose and order bra and petticoat
- Order shoes
- Book an appointment with seamstress for wedding gown alterations

## **TWO TO THREE MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING**

- Once you have received a call that your gown has arrived, setup an appointment to try it on
- Book an appointment with seamstress for bridesmaid dress alterations
- Order flower girl dresses

## **ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING**

- Have wedding gown and bridesmaid gowns altered
- Set up an appointment with Charlotte's to have gowns pressed
- Finalize men's formal wear – Tuxedo rentals

## **WEEK BEFORE WEDDING**

- Drop gowns off for pressing at Charlotte's

## **WEEK OF WEDDING**

- Pick up pressed wedding gown on scheduled date
- Pick up tuxedo rentals
- Relax and enjoy this exciting week!

## **AFTER THE WEDDING**

- Drop wedding gown off at Charlotte's Weddings for gown preservation
- Send photos of your wedding to become a Charlotte's featured bride

# WEDDING PARTY

**O**nce the wedding gown has been chosen it's time to start coordinating your wedding party. Let us help you create that perfect bridal party look.

## **BRIDESMAIDS**

Start with booking a bridesmaid styling appointment with your stylist.

We don't require appointments for bridesmaids, however, we have stylists that can help you and your party find the perfect attire and get everyone measured and assist with sizing.

We suggest ordering 4-5 months in advance of the wedding.

If your time frame is less than 4 months, we offer a rush on most bridesmaid dresses (speak to a stylist for details).

A signed contract and payment in full is required on each gown before ordering.

Please have professional measurements taken and try on sample sizes from your gown designer. Review the size chart and let a professional assist in sizing.

We can ship bridesmaid dresses to your out-of-town bridesmaids for an additional fee.

## **MOTHER OF GOWNS**

Moms should start shopping at the same time as the bridesmaids.

Moms can make a styling appointment during the week to receive extra time and attention.

Bring proper undergarments and let our expert stylists help you find the right gown.

Moms should allow 3-5 months for ordering. Off-the-rack purchases are also available.

A signed contract and payment in full is required on each gown before ordering.

## **FLOWER GIRLS**

We suggest ordering 3 months before the wedding. Children change quickly so we want to order as close to the wedding as possible.

Please bring them in to get measured and try on a sample if possible to help with sizing.

A signed contract and payment in full is required on each gown before ordering.

Visit our website at [CharlottesWeddings.com](http://CharlottesWeddings.com) under Wedding Party to see some of our current flower girl styles.

# ALTERATIONS

**M**ost formal wear needs some alteration in order to fit perfectly. The seamstresses below specialize in bridal alterations and can put the finishing touches on your gown. Even though none of them are employed by Charlotte's Weddings, we feel comfortable including them on this list as they've helped thousands of our brides.

## ALTERATIONS BY ANDREA HOYT

E: [ANDREA@AUGUSTVEILS.COM](mailto:ANDREA@AUGUSTVEILS.COM)

P: 503-880-2098 (TXT/VOICE)

*Meets clients at her studio on NE MLK or at Charlotte's.*

## \*VERMONT CLEANERS

SEAMSTRESS: NORMA

P: 503-246-9466

*Meets clients at Vermont Cleaners.*

## CUSTOM FIT TO YOU

SEAMSTRESS: LEI KA'ULA

E: [LEIALOHA\\_KAULA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LEIALOHA_KAULA@GMAIL.COM)

P: 503-858-0830

*Meets clients at her studio in Hillsboro.*

## \*MY MOTHER'S LACE

SEAMSTRESS: JUDY GRAEPER

P: 503-939-5230

*Meets clients at Charlotte's or at her home in SW Portland.*

## \*ACUTE FIT

SEAMSTRESS: ROBIN BOLTON

E: [ROBIN@CISLANDERIMAGES.COM](mailto:ROBIN@CISLANDERIMAGES.COM)

P: 503-841-1311

*Meets clients at studio in King City*

## UNDERGARMENTS (THEY DO NOT PROVIDE ALTERATIONS)

### JUST LIKE A WOMAN

E: [INFO@JUSTLIKEAWOMAN.COM](mailto:INFO@JUSTLIKEAWOMAN.COM)

P: 503-246-7000

W: [JUSTLIKEAWOMAN.COM](http://JUSTLIKEAWOMAN.COM)

6333 SW MACADAM AVE., SUITE 102, PORTLAND, OR 97239

*They suggest making an appointment and bringing your gown, however, they do take walk-ins.*

*\*Seamstresses recommended for social occasion/informal as well as bridal.*

## ALTERATION TIPS

- Budget for alteration costs: on average wedding gown alterations cost \$300 - \$600. However, every seamstress is different, and depending on your gown, it could cost you less or it could cost you more.
- Schedule your appointment for alterations 8-12 weeks prior to your wedding. Waiting until the last minute could increase your cost with possible rush fees.
- Bring your shoes, slip, bra and all other undergarments to all of your fittings.
- As each gown is unique so is each seamstress. It's important you feel comfortable with the seamstress you choose. Interview your seamstress and make sure they fit with your personality. You will be spending a lot of time with them and it's important for you to get along.
- If for some reason you are unhappy with your alterations please discuss this with your seamstress. If for some reason your seamstress cannot complete the work you are requesting...please ask them for another seamstress who they trust to complete the work.
- At Charlotte's we want your gown to fit and look amazing; however, Charlotte's is not responsible for any alteration issues/conflicts; please discuss this with your seamstress.

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# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

**W**e know how stressful and time consuming it can be planning a wedding so we have additional services that we offer our customers so they can get everything done in one place.

## STEAM & PRESS

It's important to get your gown steamed and pressed before your wedding day. We conduct this service in house using a professional iron. We iron everything from the inside out so it's perfect for your wedding day. We place it on a bust form to help keep its shape and we do not place it in your garment bag until you have arrived to pick it up. We will show you how to place it in the bag, how to transport it, and what to do when you get to your destination.

***Drop off of gown(s) must be done one week prior to your pick up date and pressing must be paid in full at the time of drop off.***

Prices are as follows but please bring your gown in or call for a more accurate price quote. Price is determined by style of gown, fabric, difficulty, and time.

Wedding Gown Purchased at Charlotte's	<b>\$150 - \$300</b>
Wedding Gown NOT Purchased at Charlotte's	<b>\$200 - \$400</b>
MOB, BM and FG	<b>\$40 per dress</b>
Veil	<b>\$15 - \$30</b>

## PRESERVATION

In order for your gown to keep it's shape, color, and the fabric looking new we suggest you get your gown preserved after your wedding. You don't need an appointment; just drop your gown off during our normal business hours. We recommend dropping your gown off no later than 6 months after your wedding to get preserved. We have used the Wedding Gown Preservation Company for over 25 years. Once they have received your gown they will ship your dress to you within 8-12 weeks.

For more details on the process - [GownPreservation.com](http://GownPreservation.com)

### **Cost for preservation:**

Charlotte's Bride ( <i>special pricing before wedding</i> )	<b>\$275</b>
Charlotte's Bride ( <i>pricing if paid after wedding</i> )	<b>\$375</b>
Wedding Gown Not Purchased at Charlotte's	<b>\$425</b>

Preservations include the gown, an additional seal kit and five additional items (*i.e. veil, jacket shawl, garter, etc.*)

Additional items after the three can be preserved for \$30 per item

## SHIPPING

We do offer shipping for any item purchased at our store. We can help you ship your wedding gown or bridesmaid dresses anywhere in the U.S. Shipping costs change on a daily basis so you will need to call for a quote when you are ready to ship. **NO International Shipping.**