

Dresser Babes Alterations FAQ!

Congratulations on saying YES to the dress! The hardest part is over and it's time to celebrate! Part one is finding your perfect dress...part two is perfect TAILORING to fit your unique frame. Alterations are especially vital to the finishing process of a floor sample dress so you look and feel fabulous on your special day. Our in-house team has over 20 years experience in repair, resizing and design customizations. We are here to answer any questions or concerns about designs or changes you have in mind. Please consult with fit expert Jessica prior to committing.

“When do I schedule my alterations appointment?”

-If you feel a cleaning is necessary, GET THE DRESS CLEANED FIRST!!! Any damage or shrinking incurred by dry cleaning can be fixed in the alterations department. We have suggestions for specialty cleaners at the front desk.

Appointments for a sample dress start 6-8 weeks before your event date. This timeline ensures your weight will stay stable and the fit won't have to be readjusted as your date approaches. Any additional appointments needed due to weight loss/gain will incur additional charges. Starting 5 weeks or less from the wedding date will incur rush fees.

“How many appointments are necessary?”

-Typically, sample dress refits are slightly more complicated projects due to a few factors, such as: the dress is several sizes too small or too big, significant design changes are requested or the gown needs major repair work. 3 appointments are normal. We will bring you back as many times as needed to make your dress perfect. Any additional appointments per your request will result in additional charges.

“What do I bring to my alterations appointment?”

-BRING YOUR SHOES! Bring your shoes to every appointment you have. Bring any shapewear/undergarments as well. If you are interested in a big design change, such as a custom sleeve or new neckline shape, come prepared with reference photos too!

“Can I bring my other bridal attire or my moms wedding gown to be altered?”

Absolutely! We'd be honored to alter your additional dresses. Please note that a multiple-dress fee will apply to ensure each gown is completed in time for your scheduled fittings. If you're planning to reconstruct a vintage gown, we recommend starting your appointments earlier to allow extra time for the process.

Additional info:

- 2 guest max to each appointment.
- Bridal tailoring is a niche and requires a specialized skill set. Your average neighborhood dry clean/tailoring operation is unfamiliar (and typically unwilling) to work on delicate laces, beaded fabrics, multi layered and corseted gowns. Disasters can happen & this is an area where you DEFINITELY get what you pay for. Our expert fitter/designer, Jessica, and Andrea, are both professionals who have over 20 years experience in this couture realm.
- Even when a gown is “your size”, YOU WILL STILL NEED ALTERATIONS. Almost every bride needs a hem adjustment , waistline/side seam adjustment, bra cups and bustles. It's extremely rare to have a perfect fit right off the rack.
- Typical bridal alteration cost of a sample dress (for full repair & fit) is between \$500-\$1100, averaging around \$800.
- In addition to basic repair/fit work, design changes may be requested such as a custom made sleeve, a raised or lowered neckline, appliqués added to veil, etc. These additional aesthetic changes can add between \$125-\$700 extra onto basic alterations costs.

Alterations DISCLAIMER:

The choice to alter your dress for a better fit is a personal one. You are not obligated to make changes if you don't think they are necessary. Some changes, however, affect your safety in the dress, like raising a hem to avoid tripping. If you decide to start your alterations journey with The Dresser, we strongly prefer you defer to our expertise during the process.

There will be a \$50 No show/Cancelation Fee if you cancel within 24 hours to the card on file for alteration appointments.