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## TIPS FOR YOUR UPCOMING ALTERATIONS APPOINTMENT

- ***Plan on seeing me at least 2 – 3 times.*** You will have a **MINIMUM** of 2 fittings. Most brides have a 1<sup>st</sup> fitting, and then a 2<sup>nd</sup> final fitting. In some rare cases, we may decide your dress needs additional work after the 2<sup>nd</sup> fitting, in which case I'll need to see you for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final fitting. I only hold fittings on Thursdays at Bridal Elegance, so please plan accordingly.
- ***Don't forget to bring your wedding shoes to all appointments.*** Your hem and bustle will be pinned at your first appointment, and we can't do this without your shoes! At your 2<sup>nd</sup> fitting, we need your shoes again so we can check that your hem and bustle are perfect.
- ***Bring your shapewear to all appointments.*** If you are planning on wearing Spanx, Skims, etc, or using a padded bra/sticky bra, or any other specific undergarments on your wedding day, please bring them to all of your appointments. While it may seem small, shapewear and bras affect the fit of your dress, so you want to make sure we take this into account when we are fitting.
- ***Bring your designated bustler to your 2<sup>nd</sup> fitting.*** This is when your bustle will be ready, and I can demonstrate how your bustle functions. If you are unable to bring someone, don't worry. You can always take a video of how it's done and play it for someone later.
- ***Plan on being at your wedding weight/size 2-3 months out from your wedding date.*** You want to avoid showing up to the 1<sup>st</sup> fitting saying, "I'm still losing weight." This first appointment is the **MOST** important, and this is where your dress will be pinned to fit. Additional weight loss after this, whether it's from extreme last-minute diets or workout challenges, means your dress may not fit at your 2<sup>nd</sup> fitting, resulting in costly additional alterations, rush fees, and more importantly unnecessary stress for you! So once your 1<sup>st</sup> fitting rolls around, your goal should be to maintain.
- ***At the 1<sup>st</sup> fitting, don't be afraid to walk, sit, and dance a little to make sure your dress fits exactly how you want.*** This is your moment to speak up and work with me to make any desired adjustments. Speak up and don't wait until the last minute to request customizations!
- ***Have realistic expectations for how your dress will ultimately fit so it is functional and comfortable.*** Your dress needs to allow you to move, walk, sit, eat, hug, and dance. And yes, sometimes this might mean making small compromises on some of the things you want. Be open to having a transparent conversation with me so you know what is possible, and what is not, and just remember it is my goal to make you look **AND** feel gorgeous on your special day.

LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU,

*Courtney*