

Post-Wedding Care Tips for Your Dress

Weddings are one of the most treasured moments in a woman's life. The pre-wedding fun and the post-wedding reception will fill her memories and a scrapbook with a thousands moments. All the hours spent with friends picking out a wedding dress, flowers and a cake will never be forgotten.

After a wedding is over, there are a few things that you can save. The cake will be eaten and the flowers will eventually wither. You can take a million pictures and save some of the tiny bubble bottles from your wedding. Don't forget to save one of the wedding invitations too. The most cherished of all things that you can keep from your wedding is your dress. This is something that you can take out and look at from time to time. It is even something that you can pass down to your daughter or even give to your niece when she gets married.

Whatever you decide to do with your dress is up to you. It is your choice. As a matter of fact, no one ever said that you have to keep it in a plastic bag for years or in storage under your bed. If you do decide to do this, then make sure that you take the right steps in storing it. The first and most obvious step is to have your dress cleaned right away. If you did wear it to the reception and someone spilled something on it, you should have tried to wipe the stain off immediately. The first chance you have, you need to get it to the cleaners. Make sure that you take the time before you get married to find a dry cleaner that specializes in wedding dresses.

Every dry cleaner does not know how to clean wedding gowns. If they use too harsh of a cleaner, it can ruin the dress. If you had any labels on the dress for dry cleaning instructions, take them with you. You should also make sure that you remove any pins or anything you added to the dress before taking it to the dry cleaners. Hopefully, you did not take the dress off and throw it in a corner somewhere. It should be folded and placed in a box that is acid free while you are waiting to get it to the dry cleaners. Your dress will stay just as beautiful if you use the same care with it after your wedding as you did before the wedding.

Don't place your wedding dress in a regular plastic bag and stick it in the closet for a week while you are on your honeymoon either. The plastic is not good for the fabric and can cause potential harm to it. If you are going to be out of town for a while, then hand your dress over to someone that you can trust to get it to the cleaners immediately. Make sure you give them the name of the cleaners and the cleaning labels. If you have spoken to the dry cleaner in advance, then they will be expecting your dress.

If you don't have anyone that you can give it to, then you should treat it exactly the same way that you would if you were storing it for a long period of time. Place it in an acid free box with acid free tissue. Do not just wrap it in the tissue. It is not a present. You should place the acid free tissue in all the folds and

around the box. The bigger the box is the fewer folds and creases your dress will have. Finally, make sure that you place the box in an area that is not going to have dramatic changes in temperature. For example, the garage and the attic are not good places to store your dress. Keep the box in an area that it will be free from humidity or pesky little insects. If you take the time to care for your dress properly, you will be amazed at how beautiful it will look in ten years on your little sister.