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## SVS Wedding Gown Care Tips by Esther Bengio

Hello SVS Fans!

Today I will provide you with tips on caring and transporting your wedding gown and accessories; from the time you pick-up the gown from the store to walking down the aisle. Just remember, when in doubt, always call on a license professional! This will eliminate countless of hostile afflictions.

### Dry Cleaning:

- Clean your gown immediately; over time stains will set and they will be more difficult to remove.
- Drop it off to get dried cleaned while in your honeymoon.

### Wrapping it up:

- Store your gown long-term is by boxing it with acid-free tissue paper. This will seal the air.
- Keep the gown away from anything that could stain it over time.
- Fun fact: Some brides frame their gowns and hang them in a 3D shadow box.
- If you can't box it immediately, hang the gown on a white padded silk coat hanger to prevent the lacquered wooden coat of the hanger to stain the gown.
- Beginning at the side seams, fold the skirt lengthwise over bunched tissue until the skirt is no wider than the box.
- Add a lot of tissue.
- Fold the bottom of skirt into the box.

### Storing it:

- Use natural fabrics; cottons, linens, silks and wools.
- Store items somewhere that won't damp the gown or a place that is humid.
- Keep away from the sunlight.
- Store the boxed gown under the bed or cupboard. Just make sure it's in a flat position.

### Transportation:

- Use a long garment bag.
- Hang the gown so the bodice is facing the car door, and the bust form and tissue will protect the bodice from wrinkling.
- Lay the rest of the gown across the back seat.

Quick fixes for annoying wrinkles:

- Hang your gown in the bathroom, turn the shower to hot, close the door, and let the shower run until the room is filled with steam, which relaxes most creases.
- Invest in a portable hand steamer you can use whenever you travel.
- Guard against spotting water-sensitive fabrics such as silk by wrapping the head of the steamer in a small towel.
- Use a professional

Don't forget ladies, on the day of, remember NOT to hang the gown from the fire sprinkler system on the ceiling of your hotel room!

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