CUSTOM MEASUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

We strongly recommend you have a professional seamstress complete your measurements to ensure accuracy, as we **do not accept returns simply because the item does not fit you when it arrives.**

WOMENS

~Please understand that you should expect that some alterations will be needed to fit perfectly. We often sew our dresses with an inch or two of extra fabric, especially in the bodice area, as we realize your body may change from the time of ordering, and it is best to have a bit extra fabric than not enough!

~It is very important that you have someone else take your measurements (do NOT do these measurements by yourself) because you must be standing very straight and still to do them.

~Ideally you should wear the same undergarments you plan to wear with your dress as different undergarments can shape your body differently. It is also advisable to measure length while wearing the shoes you will be wearing on your event day.

~It is very important that you **DO NOT** measure over your outside street clothing – it is recommended to measure over your undergarments.

~Gowns with a corset back may be less likely to need alterations in the bodice area because the corset adjustment allows the bodice to size down approximately two sizes or size up approximately one size. The corset back adjustment will typically custom adjust to your bust and waist as you adjust the laces, but this is not a guarantee for everyone, as everyone is shaped differently.

~Please remember that formalwear is often sized differently than regular clothing, so it is very important to take accurate measurements, and not just provide your current size.

~To ensure as much accuracy as possible in the length of your dress, please measure

from your waist (see #3 in diagram for location - NOT from where the top of your pants fall), down to where you would like your dress to end (mid-thigh, above knee, tea-length, etc.). Full length would have the hem stop right at the top of your foot near your arch, so that you will not trip on the skirt as you walk around.
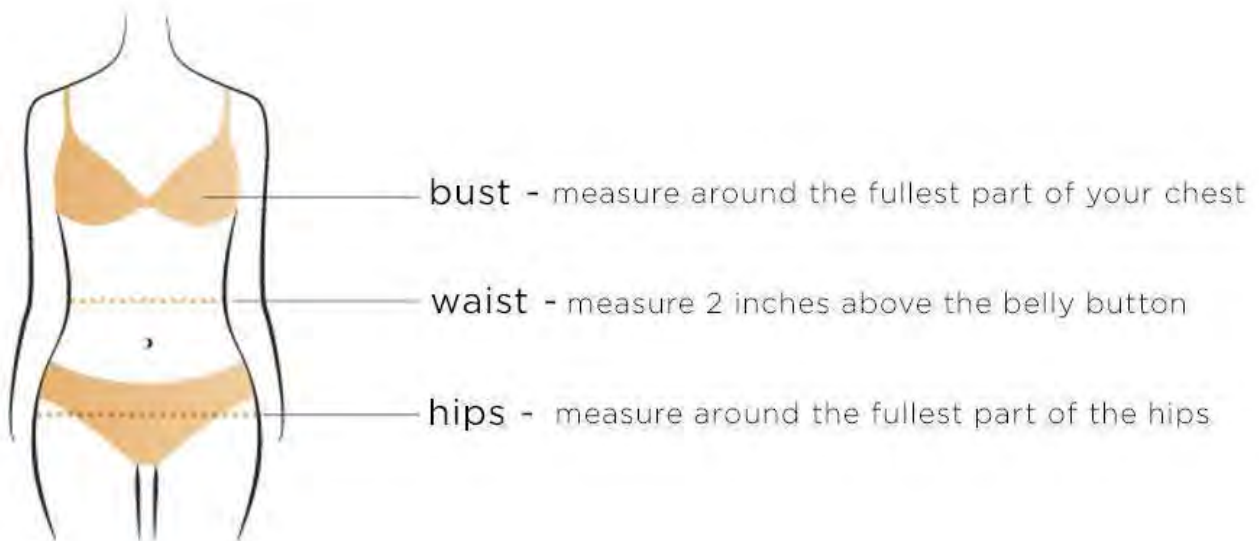
GIRLS

~Please use the following graphic for determining girl's measurements. This includes age 12 and younger/girls size XL and smaller. Girls 13+ and/or larger than XL should refer to WOMENS measurements.

~Girls' clothing sizes are generally considered to be:

X-Small:	age 2-4	Large:	age 8-10
Small:	age 4-6	X-Large:	age 10-12
Medium:	age 6-8		

~If your child falls outside of these general size/age measurements you may submit full measurements, as listed under WOMEN above, but please remember alterations may still be necessary.

bust - measure around the fullest part of your chest

waist - measure 2 inches above the belly button

hips - measure around the fullest part of the hips

MENS AND BOYS

~For men's and boys measurements, please include the chest/bust measurement (across the nipple line and around the back), and the waist measurement (around the largest part of the stomach). Accurate measurements are very important to ensure proper fit when buttoned.

~Please remember that formalwear is often sized differently than regular clothing, so it is very important to take accurate measurements, and not just provide your current shirt size.

~Please remember alterations may still be necessary once your item arrives.

Due to each item being custom made for each customer, it is very important to have measurements taken by a professional seamstress. If there is an error on our part we will do our best to correct the problem within the time frame *before* your event, but please remember we **do not accept returns simply because the item does not fit you when it arrives.**

Please also note that alterations should be expected, even if the final measurements exactly match what was given to us during ordering.

Please review our RETURN/REFUND policy before ordering.

If you desire our full custom measurements for our wedding gowns with embroidery and hand beading and the designer bodices, you would use the diagram below, which requires 11 different measurements. Each of the above measurements: (1,3,4,6,10 and 11) go AROUND the entire body. The others are one way as shown. IF your gown does not have sleeves, we do not need #9.