

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANGEL GOWNS

Gown Sizes-Size 0 (1-2 lbs) Size 1 (2 to 4 lbs), Size 2 (3 to 5 lbs), Size 3 (6 to 9 lbs), Size 4 (10 to 13 lbs. All seam edges must be finished or the gown may be lined.

Use ¼" wide ribbon for the ties on the back. Cut ribbon 12" for all size gowns. This is for ease of tying.

1. All wedding dresses must be washed before sewing. This can be done in your machine.
2. Sew shoulder seams. Finish the raw edges. Press the seam towards the back. (You may top stitch it down, if you want).
3. At this point you may want to add trim to front bodice. (We often choose to do it afterwards and sew trim all the way around the bottom of the gown instead of just on the front. For lace appliques and bows etc. please hand or machine sew. We request that no glue be used on the actual gowns.
4. Hem sleeves, or add lace to finish off sleeve edge.
5. Sew side seams, attaching gown front to gown back, matching hemmed sleeve edges and bottom edge of gown. Clip underarm seams generously so that when turned right side out, they lay flat as possible – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Clips should be ¼" or less apart. (Again, after sewing you can serge this seam then clip, turn and iron).
6. Hem bottom if it is a raw edge by turning up and top –stitching, or adding lace.
7. Turn center back edges under, press, top –stitch. Add a ribbon tie on each side just below the neckline. Place second ribbon set of ribbons about half way down the back (each should be 12" long,)
8. Finish the neckline if you did not do so earlier.  
Carefully iron the gown to remove wrinkles and creases.
9. Be sure to mark the gown size on the lower right center back edge.
10. Be sure to complete a heart to go with each gown.
11. The gowns are open all the way down for ease in dressing the babies.
12. IF you are making a boy gown, the vest must be made first and then lined up and attached to the front of the gown. The vest must be sewn into the shoulder and side seams. Then, proceed through the steps listed above for making the gown. Once finished, add a bow tie at the neck.

## UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR GOWNS

Once you have completed your gowns, please do the following:

1. Carefully press each gown, heart, & hat (if made) to remove all wrinkles.
2. Make sure size of gown has been written in lower right back corner of gown on the LAG tag.
3. Make sure a heart has been made to match the gown.
4. Attach the heart and bonnet or hat, if made, to the matching gown.
5. You may send gowns in ziploc bags if you choose.
6. Send or deliver gowns to the LAG office so they can be packaged for delivery.

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