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# HOW TO TIE

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Make sure the dress is sitting correctly; the bust should be raised to the desired height and centred. You do not need to wear a bra for this style.



This is how the dress will look at first. Keep in mind that the straps are not fastened and the waist satches have not yet been tied. Use this opportunity to centre the elastic from the back.



You will now need to pin down the straps. Using the back loop as the centre guide, discuss with the bride where she would like the straps positioned. Once you are happy with the location, use two pins to fasten through the embellishment and elastic casing.

## HINTS & TIPS

By this stage your bride's bust is feeling lifted and supported. You will need to have the straps sewn down to the designated position by a professional tailor.

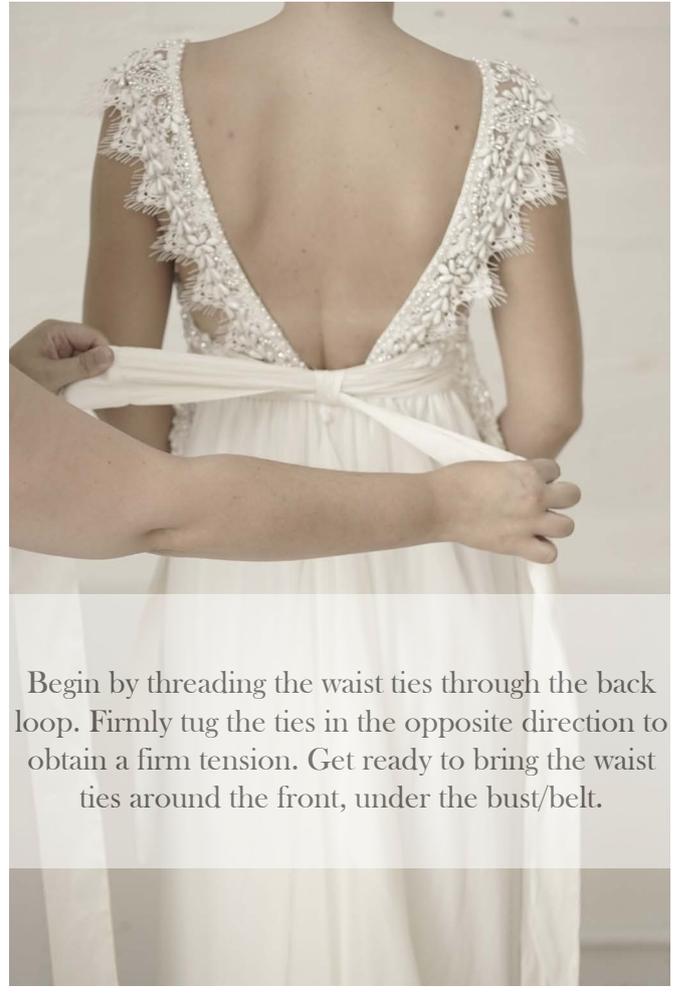
The skirt is cut to be the same length all the way around the dress, so the lower you sit the elastic at the back, the lower the hem and train will sit on the ground.

When pinning the straps, ensure that you are pinning them flush against the bride's back. Once you are happy with the position, have the bride wiggle her shoulders, if she still feels secure, you have met the correct tension.

For a heavier bust, you may find the elastic at the back creeps up - this is totally normal and should disappear once the dress is properly tied.



Once you have pinned the straps, make sure you take a step back to ensure that the straps have been placed symmetrically.



Begin by threading the waist ties through the back loop. Firmly tug the ties in the opposite direction to obtain a firm tension. Get ready to bring the waist ties around the front, under the bust/belt.



Ask your bride to hold the belt, up and away from her body, so you can easily guide underneath and have access to her waist.



Whilst the bride continues to hold the belt, firmly bring the waist ties around the front of the body being careful to keep them smooth, flat and firm. Remember you want to highlight the bride's waist, so keep them ties nice and high.



Wrap the ties around to the back of the body and secure in a firm double knot. Don't be concerned with the tidiness of the knot - we'll be covering that soon!



This is what the dress should look like from the back by this stage.



Your bride can now let go of the belt. With the bride back to you, firmly pull the belt ties in your direction. Once you're happy with the tension, knot the ties together once.



Now create a pretty bow! Not sure you've mastered the perfect now? Don't worry - we've got a how-to for that too!

