

Timescales

I recommend alteration work is started 3-6 weeks before your wedding day to allow for any weight change. Most good seamstresses will get very busy, especially in the summer months so pre-booking your sewing slot in advance is essential.

Booking In

I take a limited number of alteration bookings per month and am usually fully booked 3-4 months in advance. Please enquire in good time to avoid disappointment.

A booking-in deposit of £60 secures a sewing slot for you in my schedule. This is deductible from your final bill. Weekday fittings are free, evening and weekend appointments are charged at £30 each.

You are welcome to bring the dress in for an early assessment and firm quote, before booking-in, or to simply book and I will see the dress for the first time at the fitting appointment. I have altered more than a thousand dresses in my time so unless your alterations are very out of the ordinary an early assessment would be for your peace of mind rather than my benefit.

You can see a portfolio of my work and more testimonials on my website (I mostly make dresses from scratch).

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Bridal Alteration Specialist

Reviews:

Becky Gude Five stars on google

I am so pleased with Felicity's work on my wedding dress. Although it wasn't a particularly big job (a simple length adjustment) she made me feel like the work was just as important as her bespoke designs and made me feel comfortable and relaxed. Excellent communication and quick turnover also. Perfect adjustment - I felt like a queen on my wedding day!

Gui Ying Leung Five stars on google

I was struggling to get my dress altered and had a short time frame to do so as my wedding dress had many layers, two of which were very detailed lace. Felicity was wonderful, after first consultation, I felt relaxed, all anxiety had disappeared. Felicity is talented, speedy and good priced. Wished I had found her sooner to avoid the stress from my wedding dress.

Katherine Nash five stars on google

Felicity did an excellent job with my dress. I was so happy with it and the friendly, welcoming service just put me at ease. There was a lot to adjust with it and she made it fit me perfectly. I'm so grateful and happy. I would definitely recommend. Thank you so much!



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Alterations for size or styling to shop bought or vintage wedding dresses are important to make a dress look like it belongs to you and give you confidence on your big day. Very few people are a standard dress size so most dresses need adjustment to the bodice, hem length and straps. Changes to the style; adding straps, changing necklines or lace applique can change an off the peg dress into something uniquely special.

I have worked in bridal alterations for more than 18 years and there is very little I cannot manage. If you are unsure your dress can be altered the way you would like I can offer advice at a free fitting consultation.

Price Guide

I charge £60/h for sewing work. Costs will differ from dress to dress depending on how each dress is constructed. Fuller skirts, multiple layers, lace edges, beading detail or delicate fabrics are all elements likely to increase the cost of your alterations. Very occasionally work might take longer than a seamstress expected at the outset. My breadth of experience at cost estimation means I very rarely have to charge more than my original quote.

A typical alteration bill is £60-£400

I can give a cost estimate for the changes to your dress at a pre-fitting alteration consultation or at your first official fitting as best suits you.

All prices are a guide only, costs are as individual as each brides' requirements.

Common Size Alterations

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| Take in dress at sides | Bust only | £60-£120 |
| | Bust and Waist | £70-£140 |
| | Bust, waist and hip | £80-£200 |
| | (may include multiple layers of skirt) | |

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| Hem length | Front only, tapered into train from sides |
| | Prices from £60 hemmed layers |
| | £25 cut edge layers (tulle and net) |
| | £90 lace edge layers |

Double the cost for hems all round, taking up the train as well

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| Bustles | Usually free with other alterations |
| | for simple "button and loop" over or under bustles |
| | From £15 if no other work required |

Other sizing alterations such as reducing bodice cup size, narrowing or shortening sleeves, removing trains etc can be quoted for at a consultation.

Common Style alterations:

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| Add straps | from £60-£180 depending on style and materials required | |
| Add sleeves | from £150 + materials | |
| Change back fastening to | | |
| | Lace up with eyelets | from £120 |
| | Lace up with loops and flat lacing | from £150 |
| | Buttons and loops | from £150 |
| | Add buttons next to zip | from £90 |

Other style alterations such as adding lace applique or beaded detail, changing the neckline front or back, adding a sash or beaded belt or narrowing a skirt shape can be quoted for at a consultation.