

Gown Packing Instructions

Tissue

Our flat sheets of acid free tissue are very important for lining the preservation box and for inserting between every fold of the gown. When you crumple it one sheet at a time, it becomes the stuffing you will use to fill out the bodice and sleeves and also for supporting the gown in the box to keep it in place.

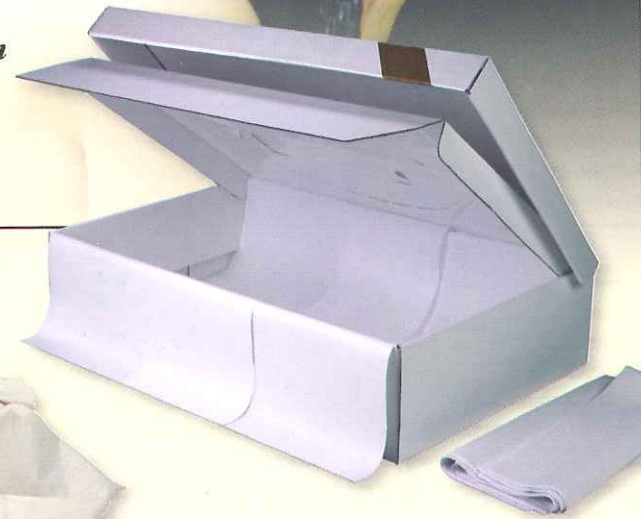
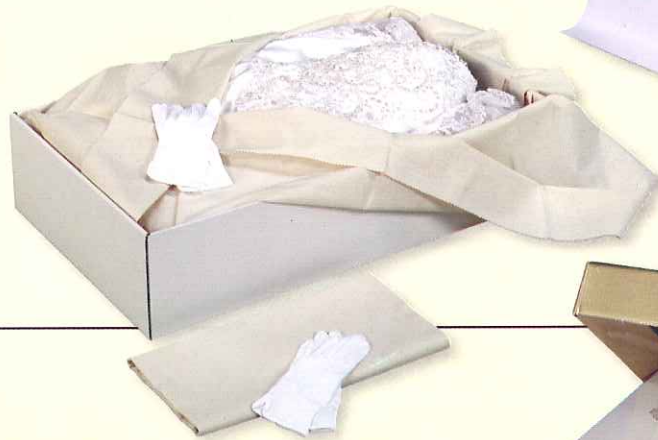
Muslin

Our pre-washed muslin can be used in the preservation box as the first liner. It provides extra protection for the gown against contaminants. This is the perfect method for the bride who wants to inspect and refold the gown every 12 months. The viewing window is unnecessary because the muslin wrap will cover the gown.

Window

The windows for our preservation box are specifically designed to allow viewing of the gown. They make a nice presentation of a precious memory. They may be taped for security. Our gold boxes do not use tape.

Choose the traditional method of packing or the museum method of pre-washed muslin



Techniques for packing a gown smoothly

A Use a box that is about 1/3 the length of the front of the gown. Line the box with acid free tissue or muslin and lay the gown over it, face down. Keep the gown centered over the box and lay it in while being careful that there are no creases and folds.

B Start with the side seams. Fold the skirt lengthwise until the skirt is no wider than the box. Put sheets of tissue between the folds to pad them. Now fold the bottom of the skirt into the box, again putting tissue between all folds.

C Fold the top of the gown over into the box making sure the bodice is centered face up. Use a bust form or crumpled stuffing tissue to now fill out the bodice. If there are sleeves, stuff them as well and place nicely around bodice. Be creative!

Finish by using more of the crumpled stuffing tissue to cushion the sleeves, bows and the whole bodice so that they are secure. The dress should not have any room to move within the box. Now fold over muslin or close the window and tape if you desire. Store in a cool, dry environment like a closet or under the bed.



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