

Peg Kennedy Alterations FAQ

Why should I use Peg Kennedy Alterations?

Peg is a highly trained seamstress with decades of wedding alterations experience. Peg is the best quality alterations at the best prices! She was a 4-H Sewing Queen and has college degrees in Floral Design and Home Economics (FACS) She was a FACS Teacher and a UofM Extension Home Economist. She has been designing & sewing bride and bridesmaid dresses since the 80's. Peg specializes in Mother's wedding dress redesign and Off-the-Rack dress resizing & repair. Her previous brides have dubbed her the "Boob Fairy" for her perfectly fitted bodice work. She is one of the few alterations people that can resize a 20 to a 2 or expand a dress up several sizes. Peg only works with 15 brides each month so you get a lot of individual attention. Her secret to a perfect fitting dress is a long 1-3 hour Final Fitting right before the wedding to make sure everything still fits no matter if you lost or gained weight. Additional services including veils, garters, wraps, pillows, and lots of ways to incorporate mom's and grandmother's dresses into your wedding. She will also clean and preserve your dress or teach you to DIY clean it at home. Polyester dresses do not need to be dry cleaned!

What is the difference between getting on Peg's Reservation List vs. First Appointment(First Fitting)?

Make a RESERVATION to use Peg's services as soon as you get engaged, even before you buy your dress! Just like you reserve a photographer or hair stylist. There is a \$100 deposit to save your spot and is applied to your alterations cost. If wedding is postponed you stay on Reservation List. If wedding is cancelled or you just want to cancel your spot, \$75 will be refunded. If you are getting married during the busy wedding months, May-October, you will need to RESERVE a spot with Peg almost 6-12 months before your wedding. November – April is the slow wedding season so you can contact Peg 0-3 months ahead. The benefit of reserving Peg as soon as you get engaged? 1) Peg can help you understand the whole dress shopping process 2) she can answer questions about style choices for your body type and 3) you can text her pictures while you shop and she can answer questions about possible changes for dresses that you are trying on. Peg will do a free ball park estimates via text if you send her a picture of you in your dress.

When should I schedule my First Appointment (First Fitting)?

That depends on the month of your wedding, when your dress will arrive, the complexity of your alterations and if you are planning to lose weight. If you have a complex lace hem that needs to be shortened or resizing issues, we start in the Winter. Most alterations can be done in 3 to 4 appointments. More complex dresses take 4 to 5 appointments. Weekday-Daytime hours are always open. The evening and Saturday spots fill up fast. Appointments usually take 1 hour except for the longer 1-3 hour Final Fitting which is done 1-2 weeks before the wedding. If your dress fits you well and you just need bra cups, bustles and steaming we can start 2-3 months before your wedding. If your dress is late coming in – relax, Peg can alter a dress completely in one long day

We are very excited about our new on-line schedule platform that will allow you to easily see our availability, schedule appointments and change appointments if need be. Once we have a client agreement and deposit we will send you a link to the on-line scheduling system. A few things to note:

- Schedule your first fitting as soon as you can. Peg will tell you how many more appointments you need to book after your first fitting. Evening & Saturday hours get booked early.
- Please reschedule or cancel your appointment with 24 hours' notice. If you need to reschedule within 24 hours, please text Peg or Sarah, depending on who you're scheduled with.
- Reminder emails and text will be sent out 48 hours before your appointment.

Bridesmaid/Mom Dress Alterations: New Apprentice Sarah Kennedy working from her St. Paul home

Sarah began her sewing career making skorts and dresses for 4-H projects at the Carver County Fair, several of which made it to the Minnesota State Fair. She has spent the interim time working in database management for various nonprofits in Minnesota and Washington, DC, but was eager to return to engaging in more creative hands-on work. She also expanded her work into sewing facemasks and working as a database consultant. Her other interests include yoga, plants, renovating her home, and her cat pancake. Sarah will be working with Peg primarily on Bridesmaids, Flower Girls, and Mother of the Bride or Groom dresses.

- Bridesmaids, Flower Girls, Mothers can also schedule on-line. Just forward the email or text with the link to them. They just need to scroll to the bottom of the list for the bridesmaids/mom 30 minute appointment link.

Bridesmaids/Moms can schedule individually or text Sarah to schedule a large group appointment on a Saturday where everyone comes in together. It only takes about 10 minutes per person to do the measurements and pinning. We can schedule a group Pick up appointment later on or if they just need hems, they pay at initial appointment and their dress can be sent home with the bride.

If a Bridesmaid or Mom is already planning to come in during a bride appointment, Peg can do the pinning and hand the dress off to Sarah to sew. Save everyone an extra trip.

What to bring to appointments?

SHOES! Seriously, SHOES! Difficult to determine hem length without your shoes. Any spandex or undergarment you plan to wear, it really makes a difference on your hip shape. Bring veil and any belt you want sewn on to the Final Fitting. Peg will iron your veil for free. Moms are always welcome to join you for fittings, however, it is usually the personal attendant or bridesmaids that really need to learn how to bustle the dress.

COVID, Snowstorms and what if I need to cancel or reschedule an appointments?

We live in Minnesota . . . do not risk your life driving in a snow storm to make it to an appointment, we can reschedule. Please reschedule if you have been exposed to COVID or if you are not feeling well. Peg, Sarah and their families have all been vaccinated so if you are vaccinated you are not required to wear a

mask because we are home-based businesses. We do ask that non-vaccinated people still wear a face mask. The alterations room is sanitized between each client and HEPA air filters are in all spaces.

What is your pricing and what do alterations cost?

Peg is the best quality alterations at by far the best prices! One of the big reasons for her low prices is that she works from her home in Roseville. She does not have other staff, business manager or phone service (texting is her preferred communication) thus saving you money. You can check out prices at www.pegkennedyalterations.com The average wedding dress final alteration price, including steaming, is \$300-500. Bridesmaids and Mom's dresses are \$40-\$50 for a hem, \$10 for straps, bra cups, steaming.

Should I do the expensive gown dry cleaning & sealing in plastic for \$200-400 or use Peg's organic cleaning and breathable preservation services for \$150? (\$100 if Peg did not do your alterations)

This is an no brainer! Peg cleans dresses the old school way with Dawn, Borax & Fels Naptha, without any harsh chemicals. She preserves then in breathable, vented boxes with lots of acid-free tissue paper between the layers. Fabric need to breathe, not be trapped in plastic. You can also take dress out throughout the years and let your daughter try it during her princess phase so she grows up wanting to wear your dress for her wedding. Peg will clean anyone's dress, even if she did not do the alterations.

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Bride Hours: (There will be some days blocked out at times throughout the Summer)

Mondays Noon-8:00 PM
Tuesday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Sarah Kennedy

Bridesmaids, Flower Girls, & Mothers Hours:

Tuesday 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
More hours will be available beginning in May

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