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Before and After: Wedding Dress Preservation & Restoration Expertise from the Team at Margaret's

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Before



After



Dating back to 1953, Margaret's has maintained a high standard of specialty cleaning and restoration. That means for over six decades, this family-run business has delivered consistently outstanding craftsmanship and quality care to treasured items alongside their highly-valued customer service.

Regularly awarded and verified eco-friendly, Margaret's is recommended to brides all over the country (thanks to their new nationwide CleanByMail option) for its impeccable attention detail. They not only offer preservation services to keep bridal attire pristine for generations to come, but you can also revive history and erase the natural wedding day "oops" that occur with their specialty restoration services.

We asked the team at Margaret's to share with us a transformative story that exemplifies the quality of their services. Get an exclusive look into the nitty-gritty details of what goes into a bridal restoration process and find out just how crucial their expert care is when preserving such a special wedding day memento, detailed below.

Restoration Spotlight: Reviving a Viktor & Rolf Masterpiece

A bridal gown is more than just fabric; it is a vessel for memories. However, when a high-fashion architectural piece like a Viktor & Rolf gown meets the elements, the results can be daunting. Recently, Margaret's the Couture Cleaner was entrusted with the restoration of a heavily soiled couture creation referred to us by the prestigious Mon Amie Bridal Salon.

The Challenge: Extensive Environmental Soiling

The gown arrived at our facility with significant staining and heavy soil across the bodice and hemline. As specialists in luxury bridal care, our team recognized that this intricate design required a methodical, multi-stage restoration process to return it to its original runway brilliance.

Restoration Process

To ensure a successful outcome, we utilized our specialized in-house facilities designed specifically for couture bridal wear:

- **Customized Cleaning & Spas:** The gown underwent meticulous cleaning in our dedicated gown-cleaning spas, specifically formulated to lift deep-seated stains without compromising the structural integrity of the couture fabric.
- **Multi-Spectrum Inspection:** After cleaning, the dress was moved to our Multi-Spectrum Inspection Room. By utilizing three different types of lighting, our artisans can detect "invisible" stains—such as those from champagne or sugar—that often oxidize and turn yellow over time if left untreated.
- **Hand-Finishing and Pressing:** Once cleared of all impurities, the gown was hand-finished and expertly pressed by our highly qualified team to restore its crisp, architectural silhouette.
- **Museum-Quality Preservation:** To protect the gown for future generations, it was placed in our Legacy Gown Preservation system. This involves using acid-free tissue and a cotton muslin liner within an archival chest, a method museum conservators expect to extend the lifetime of textiles by up to 200 years.

Expert Care for Every Bride

Whether your gown is a modern designer piece or a cherished family heirloom, Margaret's offers award-winning expertise in cleaning, alterations, and preservation. With over 70 years of experience as a family-owned business, we provide complimentary on-site pick-up and delivery throughout Southern California and offer nationwide CleanByMail® services for brides.

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