

Put on the dress (making sure that your bust is completely above the under-bust ribbon in the case of a Regency/Empire dress). Hold your bust up in the preferred position while your assistant laces you.

## HOW TO LACE UP YOUR DRESS

FIGURE 1:

Thread the lace through the top 2 eyelets so that the horizontal lace is at the back, on the inside. Check that the 2 ends of the lace are equal in length.

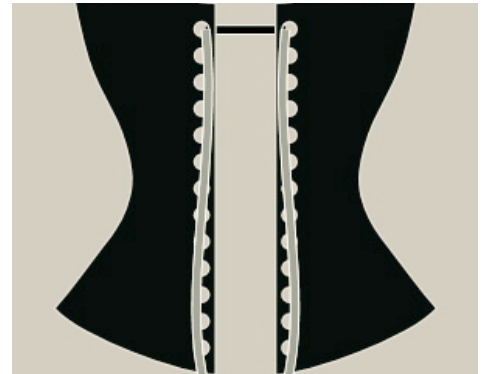


FIGURE 2:

Take the lace on the right side and pass it through the next available eyelet on the left, going from front (outside) towards back (inside). Do the same for the left lace. The laces should now form an "X" on the outside of the dress. The laces should now be ready on the inside.



FIGURE 3:

Again, take the lace on the right side and pass it through the next available eyelet on the left, going from back towards the front. Do the same for the left lace. The laces should now form an "X" on the inside of the dress. The laces should now be ready on the outside.

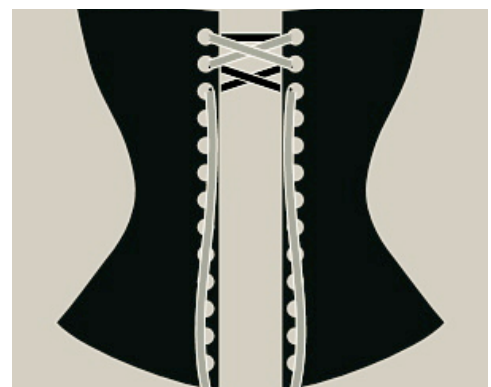


FIGURE 4:

Repeat steps 2 & 3 till you reach the bottom. Tie the laces in a single knot. Going down the "X"s, tighten them one by one by pulling them, until you feel supported, but not squashed. Check that the back flap is flat under the laces. Adjust the laces to allow more room at certain points if necessary. Tie off the laces again and hide the knot under the flaps. Laces tend to loosen a little over the evening, so tighten them a bit more than you would like.

