

**New Shoes...**



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YOUR 1st Pair  
of  
New “Dress” Shoes**

*An Important Message Shared with ALL  
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## **New Shoes... *Was it a Good or Bad Experience?***

Do you remember your first pair of new dress shoes?

Having an older sister, mine were few and far between until I was old enough to buy my own. So, I remember my first new dress shoes very clearly. Beautiful bow topped, shiny white patten leather with a strap that gave me a sense of adulthood and security way beyond my 5 years.

They were for my Aunt and Uncle's wedding. My first wedding! To say I was filled with excitement is an understatement. However. it was mixed with the fear of the unknown. I don't remember the wedding service at all... the reception, on the other hand forever lingers in my mind's eye.

Being an adventurous child who often be-lined for the first thing that caught my interest, my mother lost site of me very quickly. Feeling tiny amongst all the tall adults I was able to dart through them and head for the food area. Mesmerized by the beauty displayed there I stood transfixed just absorbing it all. If only I had stayed there. Instead one of my other uncles asked me to take a message to the bride.

Eager to please and excited to have a reason to get closer a 'princess', I was off in a flash. Taking the most direct route, I zoomed across the dance floor. Unaware how slippery the soles of my new shoes were, it was impossible to do anything but close my eyes and slide to a stop.

When I opened my eyes all I could feel was a scratchy material and no way out in sight. I was buried alive under my Aunt's wedding dress and couldn't see a way out. My only saving grace being the back of her dress was so full and I so short that I didn't knock her over. In fact, she didn't seem to be aware I was there at all.

I lay still for what seemed hours until I felt a hand grab mine and pull me out. It was the uncle who had sent me on this quest and thankfully he saw me disappear and came to the rescue. I gave him back the message, still in my hand, and he carried me to my chair from which I never moved again. To this day the bride doesn't know I was under her dress... it happened that quickly. YET, seemed like hours to the frantic child it happened to.

My mother could never understand why I no longer wanted to wear my new shoes or why I had stopped complaining about getting my sister's hand me downs.

Yes, I have had new shoes since. However, I am never comfortable in them until after I have broken them in, at home that is. In fact, I only wear comfortable, non slippery shoes now.

**I've learned... when my shoes are uncomfortable it leads to cranky feet and I become *Miss Cranky Pants*.**

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