

COSTUME BASICS 101

Your costume “may” come with a photo on the outside Due to costs most manufactures are no longer doing so. Call us with any concerns on how your costume is to look ~

1. **HANG YOUR COSTUME UP** to allow for any wrinkles to fall out. DO NOT IRON They will naturally start to take shape once out of the packaging. They are packaged inside out sometimes to best protect the tutu. **ICHTY COSTUME?** You may purchase a nude tank leotard to wear underneath.
2. **OPEN the TIGHTS package CAREFULLY**~ Stretch the tights prior to placing on your dancer. If the tights are too big --wash them in hot water and dry in the dryer, or pull extra tight material to the end of the toe and fold under the foot. Replacement tights cost \$5.00
3. **USE SAFETY PINS** to tighten straps or secure a tutu or skirt from spinning on the costume DO NOT use SMALL safety pins to secure a part of the costume--as they pop open easily and stick the girls.
4. **ATTACH HEADPIECE ON LEFT SIDE** directly on top of the head and slightly to the child’s left side on the hair. Even though there is a barrette -**PLEASE use extra-large bobby pins** to secure the headpiece to the head. **NOT EVERY COSTUME COMES WITH A HEADPIECE OR GLOVES.** Check the zipper pockets of your costume bag.
5. **SHOULDER STRAPS-** If they are too long after you tighten them all of the way, please pull in the back and use safety pins to make tighter in the back --We do not wish for the front of the costume to fall too low and “show” anything. Attach tightly so the straps do not fall off the shoulders while the child is dancing.
6. **DANCERS SHOES** Check the size of your dancer’s shoes, if they have outgrown them, shoes may be purchased on our website and delivered to your door. Any type, style, color of dance shoe is fine. Your dancer has worked hard **DO NOT LET THEM WEAR OUTGROWN TAP SHOES THAT HURT THEIR FEET AT RECTIAL**
7. **ALTERATIONS** Should your costume need to be altered; i.e. little too big, adjustments are to be made at YOUR discretion and paid by you. If too big we can pin anything to make it fit properly.
8. **BODY GLITTER.** It is a great way for your dancer to “SPARKLE” on stage even more. Body Glitter can be purchased at Claire’s located in any local mall. Or **GLITTER HAIR SPRAY** is fun too. **BOTH ARE OPTIONAL**
9. **DONATE OUTGROWN SHOES** There will be a donation box at the check in table. If you wish to donate “grown out of” “too tight” used tap, ballet shoes & dance wear. We donate these items to families next year who cannot afford to purchase shoes for their dancers.