Nutcracker Costume Notes



Please read the following costume notes thoroughly for each role you/your child is in and ensure all items needed are purchased and ready for dress rehearsal. If you have any costuming questions, please email lbtcostumes@gmail.com.

Note for all pointe roles: Pointe shoes must be **sewn in** for dress rehearsal and all performances. The only exception is for Clara since there is quick change from black ballet slippers to pointe shoes. ALL pointe roles (except Rat & Dragon) need false eyelashes (including Russian & Maids). Ballerina Doll wears long clown eyelashes.

Details on tights:

- **Pointe roles** need new seamed pink tights (old tights tend to bag at knees) – Capezio 9C Theatrical Pink
- **Non-pointe roles** need non-seamed tights brand Capezio Ballet Pink. Remember to bring an extra pair if tights will be seen in case they get a run in them.

General costuming reminders:

- No jewelry (unless indicated in costume notes)
- No nail polish
- We no longer sell Red Alert lipstick, so please wear a similar shade of red lipstick.
- Hair and general makeup should be done before arriving at the theater for dress rehearsal and shows.
- Dancers with quick changes - please bring a small, labeled laundry basket or box to hold your quick change shoes/accessories backstage.

Costume notes by role:

Angels:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Gold hoop skirt and top, halo headpiece, wings
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** Capezio pink tights (not new), pink leather ballet shoes, leotard to wear under costume
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no eyeliner, no false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun - use plenty of hairspray to ensure no whispies. This also makes it easier to secure the halo to hair.

Arabian female lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Gold top and pants, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink pointe shoes, seamed pink tights, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun

Arabian male lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Gold vest and pants, tights, arm bands, belt
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** beige ballet shoes (skin color)
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Bakers:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** White jacket and pants, baker hat (with stuffing), red scarf, red striped socks
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white ballet shoes with white elastic, white leotard for under costume, pink tights (not new - will be pinned to socks)
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no eyeliner, no false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** high bun to go under chef hat (no whispies)

Ballerina Doll:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** pink tutu, crown
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink pointe shoes, seamed pink tights, earrings
- **Makeup:** Doll-like makeup, extra-long lashes, red circle cheeks (LBT provides), red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Bunny:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** white bunny suit and head, bunny gloves, white leotard, white ballet shoes
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white tights
- **Makeup:** bunny makeup (provided - to be done by parent at theater)
- **Hair:** flat hairstyle with no whispies to go under bunny head

Butler:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** slacks, jacket, bowtie, vest, white gloves
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white button-down dress shirt and black dress shoes
- **Makeup:** stage makeup

Cadet Doll:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** toy soldier pants, white tights, jacket, hat
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black ballet shoes with one white strap
- **Makeup:** stage makeup, red circle cheeks (LBT provides)

Cherubs:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** peach leotard, peach dress, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** new Capezio pink tights (and a backup pair), clean pink leather ballet shoes with one strap across
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no eyeliner, no false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun - use plenty of hairspray & bobby pins to ensure no whispies.

Chinese male lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Kimono and matching short pants, white tights, hat
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black ballet shoes with one white elastic
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Chinese female lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Kimono, gold headpiece, fan, pink leotard
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** Pink seamed tights, pink pointe shoes, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun - use plenty of hairspray to ensure no whispies.

Chinese Corps:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Kimono, hat, parasol, blue leotard
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** Pink seamed tights, pointe shoes, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun - use plenty of hairspray to ensure no whispies.

Chinese Dragon:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** blue sparkly skirt
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** Pink seamed tights, pointe shoes

Clara:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** red dress, underskirt, pantaloons with red bows, white nightgown, red bow, white bow (also has gold cape and tiara for sweets)
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink seamed tights, pink pointe shoes and/or soft shoes, black canvas ballet shoes, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** party girl ringlet curls, hair half up

Clara's friends:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** dress, pantaloons, bow
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** new Capezio pink tights, black ballet shoes with one black elastic across OR pointe shoes, nude over/under
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** party girl ringlet curls, hair half up *hair will be checked the last Saturday of studio rehearsal, hair pieces must be approved by Mrs. Lannin

Drosselmeyer:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** silver jacket, white shirt, black knickers, white tights, Grey curly wig, white gloves, black cape with purple lining, Magic kit - handkerchief, long piece of colorful cloth, eye patch, belt buckle for shoes, top hat (rented)
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Fritz:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** jacket, ascot and/or white shirt, knickers
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white tights, black jazz shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Frau Silberhaus (mother):

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** long dress, petticoat, jewelry, hair accessories
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink tights, pink ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** party curls

Guardian Angel:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** leotard/skirt, halo, wings
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink seamed tights, pink pointe shoes, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun - use plenty of hairspray to ensure no whispies.

Little Polly:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** pink jumpsuit, two pink bows
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white ballet tights, white canvas ballet shoes with crisscross straps
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no false lashes, pink circle stamp cheeks, pink lipstick
- **Hair:** parted in the middle, two pigtail braids pinned up, bows on each side

Maids:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** black leotard and skirt, white apron, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink pointe shoes, pink seamed tights, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** neat ballet bun

Mayor:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** ascot, gold vest, black jacket
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white shirt, black pants, black shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Mice:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** grey mouse body and heads, grey leotard, grey tights **white mouse** - white mouse body and head, white leotard
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white canvas ballet shoes (LBT will dye gray) **white mouse** - white tights and white ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** no makeup
- **Hair:** flat hairstyle for under headpiece - most do two tight french braids pinned up in back. Make sure to use plenty of hairspray so no whispies and head piece has something secure to pin to. If mice have another role, try to get hair as flat as possible.

Mirlitons:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** green and yellow dress, hat
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink pointe shoes, pink seamed tights, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Nanny:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** black dress, black top, white apron, striped pantaloons, stockings
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink ballet tights, black character shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Nutcracker Prince:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** red jacket, nutcracker head, white tights, white boots, gloves, sword
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** none
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Party Boys:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** jackets, white undershirt (when applicable), knickers
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black jazz shoes, white tights
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup
- **Hair:** cleanly styled, use gel & hairspray

Party Dads:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** party jacket (rented), top hat (rented), cummerbund/vest
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white ironed button-down dress shirt, black dress pants, black dress shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Party Girls:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** dresses, pantaloons, hair bow
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink tights (not new), black canvas ballet shoes with one black strap across
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** party girl ringlet curls, hair half up *hair will be checked the last Saturday of rehearsal, hair pieces must be approved by Mrs. Lannin (hair piece may only be used if dancer has another role)

Polichinelles

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** Boys - yellow top and pants, hat. Girls - dress and apron with pantaloons, hairpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white tights, white canvas ballet shoes with crisscross straps
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes (girls only), pink lipstick (provided), pink circle stamp cheeks
- **Hair:** boys - high bun for boys to go under hat, mid/low bun for girls to go with hairpiece

Rag Doll:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** dress, apron, wig, striped socks, pantaloons
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink tights (not new), black canvas ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** Rag doll makeup (makeup provided, to be done at theater by parent)
- **Hair:** pulled back in flat hairstyle to go under rag doll hair

Rats

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** black unitard, headpiece, tail
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pointe shoes and ribbon dyed black (Sharpie)
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** high flat bun to go under rat head

Rat King

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** head, purple wrist bands, gloves, body, vest with sleeves, cape
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black tights, black ballet shoes

Russian Male:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** black t-shirt, tunic, pants, black belt
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black socks, black tennis shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Russian Female:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** white leotard, red vest, skirt, black spats, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black jazz shoes, pink tights, pink trunks, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Sleigh Attendants:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** white socks, unitard, vest with silver bow, cape, hat, maribous (ankles)
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** Capezio pink tights, white canvas ballet shoes with white elastic
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, no false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** French Braid

Snow King:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** silver jacket, white tights
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Snow Queen:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** white tutu, crown
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** seamed pink tights, pink trunks, pink pointe shoes, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Snowflakes:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** white tutus, arm puffs, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** seamed pink tights, pink pointe shoes, pink trunks, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Spanish Corps:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** brown dress, headpiece, brown velour mitts, choker, fan
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** seamed pink tights, pink pointe shoes, pink trunks, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun with curl drawn down on both sides

Spanish female lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** tutu, arm bands, rose headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** seamed pink tights, pink pointe shoes, pink trunks, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun with curl drawn down on both sides

Spanish male lead:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** jacket, white top, black pants, white tights
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Sugarplum fairy:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** tutu, crown (unless she brings her own)
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** seamed pink tights, pink pointe shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Soldiers:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** jacket, pants, white gloves and socks, hat
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink tights (not new), black canvas ballet shoes with white elastic, nude over/under. **For horse soldiers:** black tights (not new), black ballet shoes with black elastic
- **Makeup:** stage makeup, blue eyeshadow (provided), no false lashes, red lipstick, red circle cheeks (provided)
- **Hair:** high bun to go under soldier hat unless dancer is a Young Lady first, then hair can stay in french braid.

Waltz:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** short tutus or pink long tutus, headpiece
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink pointe shoes, seamed pink tights, pink trunks, earrings
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** ballet bun

Waltz Males:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** jacket, white tights
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** white ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup

Women Guests:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT:** long dress, petticoat, jewelry
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** pink non-seamed tights, pink ballet shoes
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** party curls *hairpieces must be approved by Mrs. Lannin

Young Ladies:

- **Costume pieces provided by LBT**: dress, lace headpiece, pantaloons
- **Costume pieces provided by dancer:** black canvas ballet shoes with one strap of black elastic sewn across, pink tights (don't have to be new), black leotard or nude over/under
- **Makeup:** regular stage makeup, false lashes, red lipstick
- **Hair:** French braid down center of head with end is tucked under and pinned