

Nutcracker Costume Instructions

Hair for Levels 1 & up: Low bun at the nape of the neck

- Part on either side

Hair for ABC & Kindergarten: High bun

Any hair accessories that come with your costume will be worn on the left side of the dancer's head

Tights & Shoes: Same as class uniform

	Tights	*Shoes
ABC & Kindergarten Dance	Pink	Pink Ballet Shoes
Ballet	Pink	Pink Ballet Shoes
Jazz	Caramel	Caramel Jazz Shoes
Tap	Caramel	Black Tap Shoes
Lyrical / Ballet	Caramel Footless	Nude Turners
Contemporary	Caramel Footless	Barefoot

***Shoes for Holiday Walk performers:** tennis shoes.

Quick Changes: All dancers with costume changes should practice at home to determine the most efficient plan. E.g. pink tights can be layered on top of tan tights.

It is permissible to wear a nude low-back leotard with clear straps underneath costumes to facilitate modest quick changes.

How to make a bun:

- Dirty and/or damp hair holds better than clean/dry hair
- Optional: apply hair gel
- Brush hair into a ponytail and secure with a hair band
- Twist or braid the ponytailed hair; wrap in a cinnamon roll shape around the hair band
- Use hairpins and/or bobby pins to secure the twist
- Wrap a hairnet around the bun; secure with a few more pins
- Hairspray any flyways

*If hair is not long enough to be put up, it must be pulled back neatly.

[Low bun tutorial using bun buddy – long and short hair](#) (6:46)

- Secure
- No flyaways

Makeup:

We recommend eyeshadow, mascara, and lipstick for all students, and eyeliner and foundation/blush for older students. Please do whatever you feel comfortable with for your child. We want to be able to see their features, but not to paint them up extravagantly.

[Makeup tutorial for young dancers](#) (3:42)

[Natural look ballet stage makeup](#) (5:43)

[Dramatic stage makeup for older dancers](#) (11:59)

Please arrive at the theater for dress rehearsals and performance in complete hair and makeup.