

Nutcracker Make-up and Hair Instructions

The make-up for the Nutcracker performances should enhance the children so they do not look washed out on stage. The seating for the theater is not far from the stage **no heavy stage make-up** is necessary. All children should wear lipstick, either red or light red, mascara and if necessary a little brown eye shadow in the crease of the eyelids. **No blue eye shadow. No glitter in hair or on faces.**

Fair-haired children should have their eyebrows penciled in with brown eyebrow pencil. Please make sure you put the child's costume on before applying lipstick, and take the lipstick off before helping them change out of their costume.

All girls should wear BALLETS PINK TIGHTS. (Boys will be given separate instructions from the ballet mistress).

Angels: Hair should be pulled back off the face in a $\frac{3}{4}$ ponytail secured with a ponytail holder the same color as the child's hair. **No bangs.** Use hairspray or gel to hold hair back and out of their face. If possible, hair should be curled into ringlets. The Angels wear light lipstick. Nothing but tights should be worn under the costume.

Clowns: Hair should be pulled up into two high pigtails secured with ponytail holders the same color, as the child's hair, and the hair should be curled. Pom-poms should be secured at the ponytail holder with several hairpins. Red circles should be drawn on cheeks. Templates for cheeks will be available in dressing room. The clowns wear bright red lipstick.

Mice: Hair is worn in pigtail buns. The Mouse ears are secured in front of the buns. Draw a black upside down heart on nose and three whiskers on each cheek with eye liner pencil. The Mice wear light red lipstick. Wear underwear under the unitard, no tights necessary since the mouse bellysuit will cover them. Pull the gray leggings over the elastic straps on the shoes as best you can.

Toy Soldiers: Hair should be pulled up into a bun on top of their head to fit underneath the hat. Wear a black leotard underneath the costume. Draw red circles on their cheeks and wear red lipstick.

Harlequin dolls: Hair should be pulled up into a bun on top of the head to fit underneath the hat. Wear the green side of the hat on the right and flipped to the back. Wear the purple side on the left and flip it towards the front. Draw red circles on their cheeks and wear red lipstick.

Ragdolls: Hair should be braided into 2 low braids in the back of the head and crossed and pinned low across the back of the head to fit underneath the yarn wig. Draw a red heart on the nose with lip pencil and 3 long "eyelashes" below the eyes with black eye pencil. Wear red lipstick.

Candy Canes: Pull Hair back into a neat bun and secure the white bow with hairpins on the right side. Wear costume with the shoulder bow on the left.

Mirlitons: The three-cornered hat is worn on the right side on the head with the flower on the dancers left. The center point should be over the inside of the dancer's right eye far enough forward to touch the dancer's forehead with no hair showing. Hats should be secured with hairpins through the loops inside the hat.

Hungarians: Hair should be parted into pigtails and braided. The braided pigtails should be wrapped together at the crown of the head into a bun with the ends tucked under the braid. The headpiece should be secured with hairpins above the braids.

Party Girls: Hair should be pulled up into a $\frac{3}{4}$ ponytail and curled into tightly coiled Victorian styled curls. Use a ponytail holder the same color as the girl's hair and secure the ribbon or bow with hairpins.