

Nutcracker Make-up and Hair Instructions

Make-up for the Nutcracker performances should enhance the children so they do not look washed out on stage. 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 or sparkle eye shadow.** Please put the child's costume on before applying the lipstick. Fair-haired children should have their eyebrows penciled in with brown eyebrow pencil. **Remove lipstick before taking off the costume!!!**

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

Angels: Pull back the child's hair off the face in a 3/4 ponytail secured with a ponytail holder the same color as the hair. **No bangs.** Curl hair in ringlets. Secure the crown through the loops inside the crown with bobby pins the same color as the child's hair. The Angels wear Light Red Lipstick. They may wear a white camisole and underwear, or a white leotard under the costume. DANCER RULE: Do not take off your costume until your lipstick is removed.

Clowns: Pull hair up into two high pigtailed secured with ponytail holders the same color as the child's hair. Curl the hair. Pom Poms should be secured at the base of the ponytails with several hairpins that are the same color as the child's hair. Draw red circles on the cheeks with bright red lipstick. The clowns wear Bright Red Lipstick. DANCER RULE: Do not take off the collar until your lipstick and cheeks are removed.

Mice: Hair is worn in two high pigtail buns. Secure the mouse ears in front of the buns with several hairpins that are the same color as the dancer's hair. Draw a black upside down heart on the nose and three whiskers on each cheek with an eye pencil. The mice wear Light Red Lipstick. Wear underwear under the unitard, no leotard is necessary since the mouse bellysuit will cover them. Pull the gray leggings over the elastic strap on the shoes as best you can. DANCER RULE: Do not play with the tails.

Harlequin Dolls: Secure hair in a neat bun at the center back of the head, use a hair net the same color as the child's hair. Secure the hat using the loops inside the hat. The hat should be tilted to the dancers left. Draw a diamond on each cheek with a black eye pencil, color in the diamond. Harlequins wear Bright Red Lipstick.

Rag Dolls: Hide hair under the wig by placing it in two low braids then pinning the braids to the head. Secure the wig from the top down. Draw a red upside down heart on the nose with lip liner. Draw 3 eyelashes up and 3 eyelashes down with black eye liner. Rag Dolls wear bright Red Lipstick. DANCER RULE: Remove nose and lipstick before taking off the dress.

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 and black jazz shoes. Draw red circles on their cheeks and 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.

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.

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.

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.