

The Nutcracker Make-Up and Hair Instructions ***Mice, Soldier, Harlequin, Ragdoll***

All Ladies:

- ❖ Bobby pins, Hair pins, Ponytail holders, and Hairnets must match your hair color. Use plenty of hair gel and hairspray to control wisps and no bangs. Hair style will be determined per piece. Use plenty of bobby pins to secure head pieces.
- ❖ Make-up for *The Nutcracker* performances should enhance the children, so they do not look washed out on stage. All children must wear light red blush, red lipstick, black mascara and brown eye shadow in the crease of the eyelids. Fair-haired children should have their eyebrows penciled in with brown eyebrow pencil. Foundation and black/brown eyeliner are an option.

Soldiers:

- **Hair:** Hair is pulled into a bun on the very top of the head about 3"-4" back from your forehead hair line to fit underneath the soldier hat. Use plenty of bobby pins to secure head piece. Must be able to shake your head without the hat moving. Use a lot of gel and hair spray so you have no wisps in the back.
- **Additional Make-up:** We will supply red felt circles for your cheeks. Please purchase eye lash glue to attach felt circles to your cheeks. Apply light red blush first before gluing felt down.
- **Purchase:** **Black footed tights, Not PINK and wear a black camisole leotard under the costume.
- **Shoes:** Wear black jazz shoes. We will supply boot covers to slip over your shoes and tie tightly on the outside in a double knot bow and then tuck in strings.

Mice:

- **Hair:** 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 their hair.
- **Additional Make-up:** Draw a black upside-down heart on the nose and three whiskers on each cheek with a black eye liner, apply light red blush first before drawing whiskers. One whisker goes straight out from the bottom of the nose on the cheek bone, then one goes diagonally up and the other diagonally down.
- **Purchase:** A nude skin tone camisole leotard & replace clear plastic straps with skin tone straps to be worn over your tights.
- **Shoes:** Pink ballet flats, pull the gray leggings over the elastic strap on the shoes.
- **DANCER RULE:** Do not play with the tails!!

Harlequins:

- **Hair:** Hair to be pulled into a bun straight back from the tops of your ears. The hat will sit on the left side of your head. Secure the hat with several hairpins that are the same color as their hair.
- **Additional Make-up:** We will supply black felt diamonds for your cheeks. Please purchase eye lash glue to attach felt diamonds to your cheeks. Apply light red blush first before gluing felt down.
- **Purchase:** Capezio Ultra Soft Transition Tight Seamless #1816 in Ballet Pink OR Suffolk Convertible Tight Seamless #5020 in Ballet Pink. Please have an extra pair of tights for each performance. Please purchase a nude skin tone camisole leotard & replace clear plastic straps with skin tone straps to be worn over your tights.
- **Shoes:** Pink Ballet flats.

Ragdolls:

- **Hair:** Hair will be split into pigtail braids. The braids will then be wrapped up the opposite side and secured to head making a "U" shape of braids. The wig will go over the hair and you will need to secure the wig with a lot of bobby pins and hair pins.
- **Additional Make-Up:** We will supply red felt circles for your cheeks. Please purchase eye lash glue to attach felt circles to your cheeks. Draw freckles with eyeliner over the bridge of the nose onto both sides of upper cheek bones. Draw 5 elongated bottom eyelashes with black eyeliner about 1cm in length. Use a lot of black mascara for upper eyelashes.
- **Purchase:** Please purchase a nude skin tone camisole leotard & replace clear plastic straps with skin tone straps to be worn over your pink tights.
- **Shoes:** Pink Ballet flats.