

Premiere Dance Company Costume Instructions

Costumes must be tried on immediately to check for proper fit. If a costume is too small it must be returned to Premiere Dance Co. within one week. Returned costumes **MUST** be in their original packaging and include all accessories. There is an \$8.00 shipping and restocking/handling fee for all returned costumes. Costumes that are too big may be altered rather than returned. Returned costumes will have a significant delay and may not be replaced by the costume company until late in May. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's costume.

We are happy to help!

Local alteration shops may work on several costumes from the same class. Please be sure to label your costume so it is easily identified.

Lycra jazz pants do **NOT** require a hem. Simply cut them to the proper length in May. This modification does not require the skill or cost of an alteration shop.

Please refer to the costume photos on our website for the placement of ribbons, flowers, hair accessories, etc.

Please hang your child's costume in a safe place away from animals and younger siblings. Dancers are not to wear their costume for any reason before the dress rehearsal and recital. This includes school talent shows etc. We want to ensure that the costume and all accessories are intact, clean and wrinkle free for the recital.

Tutus and lycra costumes will relax when they are hung. If you notice stubborn wrinkles, you may hang the tutu in the bathroom to steam, or use a steamer. Do not use an iron on costumes. Sequin fabric, netting, certain lycras and metallics will melt!

Fringe skirts come with 2 bands of stabilizing thread at the bottom. This needs to be removed by finding the free end and gently removing it from the fringe. Each strand of fringe is separate and may accidentally be pulled completely off the waist band, so please be careful.

Feathers are fragile. Remind your little dancer not to play with them.

ALL STRAPS SHOULD BE CROSSED IN BACK...DO NOT TIE THEM AT THE NECK unless the costume is a halter style that is pictured with the straps tied. Most tutus and dance dresses have straps that should be crossed in back and pinned under the shoulder blades. Straps should not be sewn unless they are made of lycra. Ribbon straps and other non-stretch fabric straps must be pinned or your child will not be able to get in or out of their costume. Snaps and velcro are unstable. Please pin your child into their costume.

Accessories such as arm bands and long gloves may be too loose for your child. Please check for proper fit and pin or sew them as necessary. Unfortunately, they may have to be quite tight in order to stay in place during a performance.

If your child's costume has sequin edges that may irritate the skin, especially around the neckline or under the arm, you may cover the area behind the sequins with color coordinating bias tape or seam binding. Sequins under the arm may have to be partially encased in a narrow seam binding.

Costume tops are sometimes made of fabric that requires additional coverage underneath, such as a nude colored camisole top. Nude colored leotards are also available. Let us know if you need help finding the proper undergarment. Tights are required under all costumes. Underwear is not worn for performances as it may show under jazz pants (panty lines), leotards and tutus. Tights and costume **ONLY!**

LABEL EACH PART OF YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME, TIGHTS AND SHOES. A small piece of masking tape helps to label hair accessories etc.

THANK YOU!