2026 Costume Requirements

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GCB provides almost all Nutcracker costuming, but basic ballet attire is the responsibility of each dancer. Certain roles also have additional required accessories (see below). You may keep any item that you purchase or donate items back to GCB. We do have a limited supply of items to loan (check with GCB) and for emergency purposes at the theater.

YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BUY WHAT YOU NEED IN OCTOBER. DO NOT WAIT. PANIC MAY ENSUE.

Ladies must provide their own:

- Thin-strap, nude colored leotard*
- (Quantity: 2 new) "Ballet pink" colored tights - full length (must cover toes and heel) footed or convertible
- Pink ballet slippers - clean and in good condition, with *no* holes or tape
- Pointe shoes (if applicable) – dancers may be asked to blacken with a sharpie marker *before* tech week.

*****Lead Mice and Little Mice have costumes that do not require a *nude* leotard – *any color is acceptable*.

Gentlemen (ballet dancers, not Party Scene men) provide:

- Dance belt (ages 12 and older)
- (Quantity: 2 new) White or black tights - full length (must cover toes and heel) footed or convertible (both pair are typically worn at the same time for better coverage; color will vary by role so confirm before you buy)
- White, black, or tan ballet slippers (will vary by role) - clean and in good condition, with *no* holes or tape

Clara / Friends / Party Girls / Ice Skaters (optional, will decide based on dancers):

- Hairpiece of fake curls (GCB will match color and coordinate order)

Bralette example:



Coffee from Arabia - Soloist and Corps

- Nude bralette (midriff is bare)

Certain Roles May Also Need *(subject to change — please confirm before you buy)*

- Delivery Boy – black shoes (jazz or ballet) and black tights
- Harlequin Doll – black shoes
- Soldier Captain - black shoes and black tights (or thin black socks)
- Soldiers - black jazz shoes (or) black ballet slippers and black socks
- Snow King – black or white tights (2) and black or white boots/slippers
- Males in Arabian - nude/tan ballet slippers (no tights)
- Sheep - black ballet slippers (please swap out black elastic with pink!)
- Party Men, Butler, Drosselmeyer, Dross's Assistant - knee-high black socks and black soft-sole jazz shoes
- Party Women, Governess, Grandmother, Maid - nude bra and/or camisole, black underwear, black tights (not sheer), black character shoes (or any Mary Jane style shoe with a 1-3" heel and strap)
- Party Boys - white tights (dance tights or girls dress-up tights) and black ballet slippers
- Mother Ginger - knee-high white socks and black soft-sole jazz shoes
- Nutcracker Prince – black or white tights (2) and black or white boots/slippers (or Prince might wear dance pants)