

# Costume Standards - *Criminologist / Crim*

The following is the same for all performers.

Standards are listed in three levels of preference. Level 1, “Probationary”, is for beginners, prospective cast members still on probation, or possibly Switch Nights. This is not acceptable costuming, but it will get you onstage a coupla times to get practice performing so that we can tell how good a job you’re doing. If you find yourself saying “It’s all I could find”, “At least it’s better than nothing” or “I’m gonna get something better later” your costume piece may be a #1. Level 2, “Minimum”, is the minimum acceptable costume to be fully on cast. Level 3, “Expert” is the best we could ever expect to reasonably get; though it is possible to be more anal and perfect than this in some cases. It carries an expectation of fine craftsmanship and class in the piece. This is what we aim for, and what I truly want.

Please don’t feel that your very first costume pieces *\*must\** be level 1; the better you can get to start with, the less work and expense later on. Save yourself some trouble.

Most costume pieces will actually be between levels 2 & 3. One or two minor pieces in the sucky Level 1 can be discussed with the Casting Director, and may turn out to be acceptable. These lines are being drawn so that you know what the cast’s standards are; once all your costume pieces are at least “minimum”, you’re meeting cast standards, though you have a lot of room for improvement.. If you aren’t sure, ask your Casting Director.

Note that “Expert” will mean you will likely have to actually *\*look\** at stills from the movie, and do extensive searching and/or spend some cash. But many fabulous pieces can be made or found reasonably.

<http://www.rockyhorrormakeup.com/> is a *\*great\** resource for costume details as well as makeup tricks, but don’t treat it as gospel. They have a coupla things that may be mistakes. Still, this is “Anal Retentive Rocky”: you think we’re being picky, check this shit out!

--Your cast leaders

Note that for Crim, there is more room to experiment. As long as you have an appropriate “character”, you don’t have to be entirely screen accurate AFAIC. Anything non-standard *\*must\** be cleared with the casting director before you wear it. (I don’t want to repeat the Underroos Incident.)

	Probationary	Minimum	Expert
Hair:	Whatever.	Same, If you wanna tie back Long hair, or not, that’s fine, just be in character.	You can figure this out, right? ;)
Makeup:	None	Minimal, whatever you think you need.	If you can do well-done aging makeup, and need it, go for it. Also a nicely-done chicken footprint would be great.
Jacket	Grey	Velvet-y. White hankie if it has an appropriate pocket.	Lower lapels are black. There is a pocket, with a hankie. There is a dark gray/black frog or toggle closure just below the lapels, the knot/toggle on his right side, with the loop on his left. 3 velvet-covered buttons per sleeve (same shade as jacket), placed very closely together.

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			Vertical center backseam; 2 vents on jacket back. Lined in gray satin. There's a bound diagonal slash (welt) pocket on other side of the front bottom of the jacket.
Tie	Red	Deep Red ascot-style, some non-shitty attempt made at the black decorations	Appropriately beaded and such. See <a href="http://www.rockyhorrormakeup.com/anlcrim.htm">http://www.rockyhorrormakeup.com/anlcrim.htm</a> the movie for details
Vest	None	White waistcoat	Right number of buttons and such. I suppose. Yah know. But I doubt I'll care, really, in this case.
Shirt	White	White tux	It has round black cufflinks with gold rims, and stiff cuffs, baby!
Pants	Black	No belt. If it's 100 degrees in the theater, you can do without pants, for all I care	Hey, they're just...like... black pants. You know?
Shoes	Black. Black socks.	See above, and left.	
PROP: Cigarette in holder	You have at least a cigarette.	You have a holder. (uh, and a ciggy.) If it's black, even better.	The part of the holder that Crim grips in his teeth is black; the part which holds the cigarette is silver.
PROP: Book	Missing, or something skagged at last second	Black and right size-ish. If it says "The Denton Affair" on the outside, even better. Alternatively something very amusing, like "Where Did I Come From?"	You have a nicely done screen accurate book, inside and out. If you want to have some pages inside with visual gags, that's even better. Have fun! This is a place where you can be Ultracool... I have seen this done really well, and this is where a Crim can truly Impress.
PROP: other	We have all the other props we require you to have. (Globe, mostly.) Anything else you care to bring and use is probably fine. If it's not in the movie, please clear it with the Director first.		If you wanted to make a good time warp sign with a stand, that would be fabu!

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