

# Costume Standards - Janet

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, “Fabulouuuus!” 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 “Fabulouuuus!” 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

	Probationary	Minimum	Fabulouuuus!
Hair:	If you have short hair, we will arrange a wig together.	If you have short hair, we will arrange a reasonable wig together.	Your natural hair is light brown, and cut right. Or you have an accurate wig
Makeup:	You are wearing some, and it is very “natural” looking. Ask for help; we’ve got lots of makeup if you need it. Janet wouldn’t leave home without makeup.	Brown eyeliner, peach blush, pink (not to bright, not to pale) lipstick, natural foundation (powdered—less shiny and you’ll sweat less), brown mascara with brown fake eyelashes if you want. Coppery eyeshadow. Some eyebrow makeup if needed.	

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Hat	None. Though Di has one you can borrow.	White, kinda vaguely right shape. It doesn't have to be made of felt, as long as it's got a good "look." There's a band of sheer ribbon, a coupla inches wide, tied in a bow with several loops. Stays on your head mostly, even if it needs a hatpin at the back.	Proper shape and made of felt. This is very hard to find. Just do your best. Some virgins sacrificed to the Rocky Gods may be required.
Jewelry for Wedding scene	Missing	Very small hoop earrings, gold. A pearl necklace, medium-sized beads: only the front can be seen, so it may be attached to snaps under the suit collar for quick changing. It's very difficult to get it off in time. Best to leave it out if you can't do it right.	
Suit Jacket	Some sort of light color, preferably lavender or purple	Jacket and skirt match. Lavender. (something pink or possibly blue may be acceptable; I'd have to see it and decide.) Polyester or look-alike.	Lavender. Definitely. Even the "right" lavender. The jacket has the big pointy retro collar, the sleeves are a bit too short: the blouse sleeves show (these may be an attachment to the jacket, and not an actual blouse. More under "blouse") It is Double-breasted (ha!) with 3 pairs of biggish buttons; they probably should be faked, and the jacket actually attach with snaps.. No cuffs. The neckline is high; right under the collar. It's kinda boxy, but has "princess seams" for a bit of shape. You will likely have to make this; I've seen patterns that with very little modification would

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			work well.
Suit Skirt	Short plain skirt. Some sort of light color, preferably lavender or purple. Do your best to try to match the jacket, but if it doesn't, that's OK. But it needs to get fixed right quick to be fully on cast; the Suit is high priority.	Polyester or look-alike. The skirt is a very plain, boxy "a-line", a few inches above knees; a miniskirt, but not shockingly so. Color matches jacket.	If you have to redo your skirt to match the Fab jacket, then it's been done. They still gotta match.
Blouse	Missing if it can't be seen, white long-sleeved if it can be.	Definitely have a blouse... but it can be fake. You can sew a (very wide!) strip of fabric around the bottom of your jacket (make sure it still comes on and off!) and sew in a blouse "collar" and "cuffs" as well, as long as it looks convincing. Heck, you can sew an entire blouse in there; the idea is quick change. Less fabric tho' = less sweaty badness. If you're late for the car scene, your outfit is not Mimimum.	You've decided if you want a fake or real blouse, and can make your decision both look good and get you changed in time.
Pantyhose	Missing	Required. "nude" color, sandal foot (i.e. not ugly wide band around the toe or footie around the foot.)	
Black Shoes	Missing	Mary Janes	MJs with chunky retro heel.
Purse	Cast-owned	Keep your eyes open for something better...	"Collapsed [flattened] at the top so it has a triangular cross section; slightly raised white oval clasp edged in silver at front bottom center. The flap with the closure on it is the same size/shape as the side of the purse. Lined in black. The strap, made of silver chain, is

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			long enough that the purse hangs at her hip.” A reasonably facsimile can be made form a shirt box and hardware chain.
White Bra	Required.	Push-up style. Yes, it makes a difference. It’s a shape not a size issue.	Cups and bottom edge trimmed in lace. Straps pulled tight enough that the strap in back rides up a bit too far.
White slip	You have one. Preferably pretty plain. Fortunately an accurate slip isn’t terribly hard to find.	You also have a torn version cleverly hidden in the Pit, to change into when hiding with Rocky.	Both slips match, and they are very plain, kinda see-through with a small scalloped edge, with the scalloping going around a slit on one side. Not impossible to find, but kinda tricky. The torn slip is torn so it “Looks right”, i.e. mostly gone in front, a fringe in back, and a long strip to fiddle with.
White panties	Required.		Hip hugger bikini.
Pink dress	Uh... some sort of one-piece pink innocent dress.	Pink, short skirt, biggish white buttons down front, gingham collar, cuffs and belt. Zipper up back. Belt is easy to undo. You will have a near impossible time finding something that works without some big fixing up, so you might as well go for expert level to the right...	Polyester looking. Homemade looking. Long-sleeved, cuffs a coupla inches wide. Skirt is few inches above the knee. Princess seams. Flares a bit from the waist. Collar and belt are pink gingham. Collar is “peter Pan” style and does not meet at the middle. Belt buckle is round and white. Make sure it’s easy to remove, for Riff’s sake. Zipper in back. Six 5/8” white plastic buttons down the front. White scalloped trim down either side: Di has some to be sewn in; Very hard to find! Much more detail at Anal

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White shoes	Missing.	Mary Janes.	Like Mary Janes, but there is no middle to the shoes. Just toe, heel, and strap. Chunky heel.
White sweater	Cast may have one. Some white cardigan.	Plain white cardigan. Spring-weight. No collar. <i>*Very*</i> plain. Hip-length. Cast may have one.	
“Janet” necklace	This is pricey. Something on a chain of proper length is fine.	Your substitute chain necklace approaches the right shape and/or is in character.	You have an actual Janet necklace. Many pats on the back. You rock, and are a True Janet.
Barettes	Missing, unless you need something to keep your hair out of your face.	Roundish, ovalish, whiteish, glight colored; just do your best; ask Di if she still has hers	White open circles. Can be a BITCH to find; if you do, snatch (no pun intended) up at least two pairs. Don’t hesitate to get the wrong color but the right shape, and paint them white with enamel. Can also be made from white plastic upholstery rings with holes melted through and bobby pins inserted. This is a damn good trick; look at mine.
Lab coat	Cast-owned		
Pink robe	Use the lab coat.	Pink	Kinda kimono-style.
Floor show corset	A black corset or tank top.	Lace up front, tie at bottom. Plain black satin. No cups. Sequins heavier at top and bottom, thinner in middle in very loose stalactite/ stalagmite formation. See Di’s for reference. Do yourself a favor and put a zipper up the back. If you’re late for a cue because you’re corset takes too long to put on, it’s not even probationary level.	See previous. Higher expectation of screen accuracy, re: sequins, cut, fit.
Panties	Black	Black satin, plain	
Garter belt	Black, functional.	Black, garter belt straps	Belt has <i>*6*</i> straps, not 4.

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		covered with crinkled red metallic ribbon	
Fishnet stockings*	Required. This *is* Rocky Horror!	Not too big a weave that it stands out, not too small that it's invisible.	Sequins sewn on here and there. Seam up the back. No lace—plain top band. Some holes, not too many. Larger size weave in fishnets; often called “diamond net”, and is more visible from stage. “Big diamond net” or “Fence net” is too big.
Pumps	missing	Black	
Red gauntlet	Cast owned. Lose it and Di will kick your ass. But have fun!		If you want your own gauntlet, make sure it matches what we already have. But I think your energy is better spent on other pieces.
Black gauntlet	Missing, or ill-fitting.	Black fishnet, over the elbow, fingerless.	Sequins sewn on here and there.
Boa	Cast-owned.		
PROP: Bouquet	Cast-owned		You can go to the trouble of making one screen accurate, but I'd rather you perfected other things first.
PROP: Hershey bar	Mimed.	Some sort of candy bar	Hershey, plain. [insert “no nuts” joke here.]
PROP: Newspaper	I think you can find one.		

Janets, you are in luck. I have a pretty complete, though sometimes crappy, costume that you are welcome to borrow if it fits. Many pieces (Wedding suit) are not Minimum. If you stay with the cast, you'll need to address these problems for yourself.

\* Costume tip from James: pantyhose-type footies worn under your fishnets, like the kind used to try on shoes, will prevent your feet from going through holes in the toes of the fishnets. Which is très owie. A shoe store might just give you a few pairs.

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