

Costume Standards - Magenta

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 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.

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. 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. If you aren’t sure, ask your Casting Director.

<http://www.rockyhorrorcostumelist.info/> 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!

--Di and Lizzery

	Probabtinary	Minimum	Expert
Hair:	Your normal hair.	a) Your hair is brushed out all to hell and gone and sprayed back again. Maybe with a couple bobby pins or gel or something to get that flat look across the forehead, so you can be seen underneath all that. b) a decent wig	Your normal hair is cut, colored, and styled to look like Pat Quinn’s. Or you have a fantastic wig.
Makeup:	Pale, not white base. White eyeshadow under brown eyebrows, with brown/ purple half circle on lid. As much black eyeliner as you can manage, completely around the eye. Dark red lipstick. Lots of gloss.	You’ll look like a gothy Raggedy-Ann. Double row of eyelashes are essential to having the right Look. These are required. Plus it’ll make you appropriately crabby. Lots of lip gloss. You have further approximated the proper makeup shapes and colors.	Um... you look fantastic. Everything is precise. Everything is even with the other side of your face, too. :)
Black dress	Black, and it’s a dress.	Black shirt-style dress,	Buttons aren’t in button

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		buttoning up the front to show bra and panties. It has white collar and cuffs on the sleeves (from an old button-down shirt is fine. It has to at least look like it is a real collar and cuffs.) The length is appropriate.	holes; they are attached with black loops. The sleeves are pleated at the shoulders, and they reach the right distance down the arm. You made collar and cuffs to match the film.
Apron	You have a white waist-down apron.	It's sheer fabric; even the straps (You can often find good ribbon for straps.) There's ruffle around the edge.	It doesn't have any pockets or anything extra. The shape is rounded, as in the movie. Straps do not cross at the back, or anything. One nice extra: you can attach black Velcro to the shoulders of your dress, and the opposite Velcro to your apron strap; even in the movie, she has trouble keeping the straps up, and this will help. (just make sure you get the placement right, or it will bug you forever.)
Cap	missing	White, oval, 2 straps hang in back. Hairpin it on.	The oval shape is made by pleating a circle at the back. This also gives it a bit of a dish shape. It's got a white ruffle of eyelet (?) And this also makes the straps. If you want to really be right, put a couple invisible but sturdy loops under the cap, two in front and one in back, to pin it on with.
Bra	Black	Black push-up, with a few sequins across the tops of the cups	Special attention paid to placement of sequins
Garter	Black	Minimal fabric or lace.	Straps only.
Stockings	Black sheer		No decoration on top band.
Panties	Black		Black string bikini

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Shoes	Black boots, or nothing.	Black ankle height granny boots, lace-up.	Pointy high-heels
Robe/ negligée	Something black and sexy	Waist-length, sheer, closes at front, at least elbow-length sleeves with Pink marabou edging	Quite screen-acc, wide sleeves, trim actually pinkish-beige, sleeves proper length.
Dinner dress	Something black and sexy, lingerie.	sheer, sleeveless, knee-length, opens in top front to expose bra	Wrap-around style, silver/light blue sequin trim down outer edge of front. Very sheer, hugs body, leaves a triangle of bare skin beneath bra.
Spacesuit	Work something out with Riff so that you are a matched set somehow. (Either same costume, or Boy/ girl versions). Or borrow cast spacesuit.	Borrowed cast suit still OK, as long as it matches Riffs and fits well and looks good.	Have a relatively screen-acc space suit that fits you, and matches what Riffs wear. You will likely have to make this. Some wiggle-room from onscreen OK, as long as it looks fantastic, and you and Riff have same style of suit or gag costume.
Gloves	Only as appropriate to rest of costume in this scene	Silver or gold hands, elbow-length black vinyl or similar cuffs	Well-made, good looking gloves at least similar to movie, and as look best with your suit.
Shoes	Same as rest of show.	Same as rest of show, or as appropriate to costume in this scene. (i.e., if you're dressed for the prom, wear prom dress shoes.)	As appropriate to the suit you wear. Screen accurate would be granny boots (zip up or lace is ok), but cut at splayed out at top into points, and lined in silver. I don't really expect this.
PROP: blowdryer	Use cast's..		... unless you have one that's *perfect*.
PROP: Dinner Tray	Likewise cast's.		

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