

Costume Standards - *Riff Raff*

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. 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.

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. 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!

--Your cast leaders

	Probationary	Minimum	Expert
Hair:	Whatever. Just try to make it in character.	If you could grow your hair long, that would be great! Cast has a wig; only use it if your hair is <i>*very*</i> bad wrong. Get Di’s approval first; she probably won’t give it. There’s not much a Riff can do about his hair, and audiences expect that.	OK. I normally don’t recommend using a bald cap and wig. If you want to try it, it’s only for experts. I’ve never even seen pictures that look good; this is hard even for professionals. If you have short hair and a head that perfectly fits a “Ben Franklin” wig, or the wig the cast owns, give it a try. But I might still hate it.
Makeup*:	Pale base, bit of red smeared lightly around the eyes. Anything else, get Di’s help.	You know how to hollow your cheeks without looking dirty or charred. Please note Riff has no grey or black makeup. If you want to hollow your	Makeup is subtle and well-done. You look very ill, not made up. Perhaps you even spritzed your face with something to look a bit clammy and

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		cheeks a bit, use a darkish brown <i>*very*</i> lightly.	feverish.
Tailcoat	Cast has one. If it doesn't fit you, you need to find your own. Try thrift stores, attaching tails to a non-tail coat, or formalwear sales.	You have a hump in it, Attached to the coat or to you so it doesn't slip. (Note that safety pins can come undone and stab you.) If it doesn't have a pocket for your rag, you'll want to rig one in there.	Torn in the right places, the torn strip on the left shoulder is there, and made to stick up a bit.
Vest	White. Di has one.	Nice bloodstains and filth and stuff on it. This is a formal vest; low neck, no back, buttons up front, probably hooks with a buckle at your lower back.	Note that the fabric is not satin or otherwise smooth; it's textured. Buttons are functional, not all buttoned.
Pants	Black.	Shabby, close-fitting	Leg cuffs are laced, so they are kinda bell-bottomy. Left leg's lacing is white, right is black.
Suspenders	Missing	White y-suspenders.	NC
Boots	Black	Not gothy-boots. Dressy, pointy-ish toe, nice heel. You might have luck looking at women's shoes.	"The toes are quite pointed; medium tapered "cuban" heel (like a cowboy boot). Mina Smith found boots with the spat-like pattern mentioned above as an integral part of the top of the boot (it's called a "centre seam cut"); it's a style the Beatles wore and the boot is available from sites that cater to Beatles tribute bands. (See the Links page.) This doesn't settle it, but it's very good evidence."
Spat	Missing.	Yes, that's singular. You can cut up a sock if you must, but I'd really rather you had the spat. Plus it won't unravel. ☺	Definitely a spat.

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Gloves	Missing, check cast-owned stuff.	Biking gloves, check sports stores.	Mesh backs.
Spacesuit	Talk to your Magenta a few days ahead of time and come up with something clever. She will help you out. If you can't come up with anything after real effort, call Di.	Non-spacesuit themes are still acceptable, with higher expectation of humor and appropriateness. Any spacesuits made should be gold base with Black fins of some sort.	I dunno what to say about this at present. This will have to be addressed before Halloween 2007. Riff and Magenta's suits do to have to be screen acc, but they do have to match. "Themes" still OK; they don't have to stop, esp. if you've got a good one, but they should be really good, and if you *do* use suits they should match, fit, and look good. I don't care if the quilting pattern is just right, or if you have only one set of fins (fins are doubled in movie.)
Silver gloves	Missing	Only needed if you're going to do any sort of suit ever. Which will someday happen. ☺ Silver lamé gloves, sewn onto black vinyl cuffs; pay attention to shape.	Cuffs are shiny stiffened vinyl, and have gold-lamé edging.
Underwear	Black	Black satiny	NC
Garter	Black. Functional.	NC	NC
Stockings	Not fishnet. Black sheers.	NC	NC
Special boots	Same as whole show.	You have special Spacesuit boots or shoes, whatever your plan for this scene is.	If you have an actual Spacesuit, look at shots of the boots; they have points at the top, and are lined in silver.
Anklet	Missing	Missing	Black leather with med-sized gold spikes, 3 rows, off-set.
PROP: Rag	Cast-owned.	...But they get lost easily. You might want a few of your own.	
PROP: Gun	Cast-owned.		
PROP: Candelabra	Cast-owned.		
PROP: Bottle	Cast-owned.		

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