

Costume Standards - Rocky

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.rockyhorrormakeuplist.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 you have. If you have long hair, pull it back into a ponytail, at least. Unless you look HAWT.	Same, or you have a reasonable wig.	Short hair, blond. Or you have a great wig.
Makeup:	none	Navy eyeliner. Preferably with a base that matches your skin tone and doesn’t seem to be “made up”.	
Gold shorts	You have some. They might be more yellow than gold, but I’d just go for level 2 or 3 anyway. You don’t have that many costumes, and yellow shorts are harder to find than gold. You have black or otherwise invisible underwear so that a) your bits don’t show through	Shorts are actually gold, lame or whatever. They have a red rhinestone “R” on them in the right place. You still ain’t gonna have stuff showin’.	They are leather. The “R” is in the proper script. These can easily be made by buying gold leather (online, or Tandy leather, or get some from Di) and using a pattern for shorts. Or pants, only shorter. Stuff will then not ever show. And you’ll look HAWT!

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	and b) your bits don't fall out.		
Gold top (for females)	You have an at least sorta matching top.	You have a gold top, likewise in lame or whatever. It has straps; a tube top will likely fall off. Or you can bind and cover your breasts in a way that you don't look dumb, and look reasonably like a topless guy. This is <i>*very*</i> hard to do, and you need to get it right. Like a flesh-toned non-transparent leotard, not ace bandages, unless they are under the leotard.	You have a matching leather bra-type thing. OR you've got some brilliant idea that you have cleared with your casting director.
Gold boots	You have boots.	You have gold boots. Spray-painted is fine, but you might want to use actual fabric paint that brushes on; it may be more flexible and not crack off.	You have gold leather boots.
Wraps	You don't have them.	You have... something that doesn't look too awful. White fabric that covers your head, arms and legs that can be taken off easily, and functional wraps around your body. (How I hate wraps!) No fuckin' toilet paper. Truly.	They actually look right and <i>*function as they do in the movie*</i> . This is not terribly difficult, yet no one seems to be able to do it. Some minor cheating (loops sewn in, etc.) is acceptable.
Bandages	You don't have them.	On the upper arm and hand. Might I suggest you make something you can Velcro on? Details below. Just tied on by Janet is OK though.	OO, they look just right. That's much better.
Floor show corset	Black. Even a tank top.	Black actual corset. No cups. Laces up front, and you'll want a zipper up the back. Ties at the bottom. Sequins in very	You might as well do it right the first time. Have I mentioned that this is Rocky Horror and you need lots of sequins? In

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		loose pointy shapes, fewer in the middle and really thick at the top and bottom. See Anal Retentive Rocky online for how the sequins go. Note sequins are mandatory. Glued on is fine. Use something like E-6000 that is flexible and can be washed. (no dryer or you'll melt sequins.) Sequins are red, blue, green, etc. Not pink, white, silver.	multiple dark colors.
Panties	You must have these.		
Fishnet stockings	You have these. It's fucking Rocky Horror.	They aren't super-tiny squares or super huge.	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. Some sequins sewn on here and there.
Garter belt	black	Black, red ribbon covering straps to stockings. They look reasonably like everyone else's.	Red ribbon is metallic (look around at xmas time or online). There is an extra strap in between the two normal ones for 6 total.
Pumps	You have no shoes	Black pumps. You know, plain dress shoes. With a coupla inches of heel.	5-inch spikes *that you can actually dance in*. Without impaling anyone else.
Red gauntlet	You're using one of Diana's.	You have your own. It is red sequined fabric (real sequins.) It's fingerless, and has a point at the middle finger, which is held on with a strap. It has red feathers (not marabou. A boa sewn on	I'd really like these to look nice. They can even be bought, (without the feathers) so there's not much room to improve. You know... I'd really rather everyone use my matching set...

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		is fine) around the top. Tip” Turn the top over like a cuff to put it on, and the feathers won’t get caught!	
Black gauntlet	Black fishnet. Fingerless. Go ahead and get one.	It actually stays up on its own, and goes up to just above the elbow, like the red gauntlet.	The fishnet is neither too tiny to be seen offstage or so big that it looks weird.
Boa	The cast has these. They need repairs, but we have them.		
PROPS: Rocky has no hand props. He *is* a hand prop.			

I almost forgot the details. There is a bandage around Rocky’s hand (after Janet discovers him) and one around his upper arm. You might try something like measuring your arm at that point, laying a few strips of bandage next to each other, and sewing both ends down, so that it’s all an inch and a half or so longer than your arm is around. Tie a bit of bandage around the middle like his is (I think Yikes!). Sew white Velcro on both ends, and you can slap it on in a jiffy, but you’d had lots of time to make it look right. And it won’t cut off your circulation! I’m pretty sure...

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