

# SOLO COSTUMES

## How to buy a solo dress

1. Buy a used dress ([Used solo dress measurement doc sample](#)):
  - a. [Trinity Dance Family Market Place](#)
  - b. [Irish Dance Dress Resale North America](#)
  - c. [Irish Dance Dresses & More - US](#)
  - d. [Irish Dance Dress to Impress](#)
  - e. [Irish Dance Dresses / Waistcoats for sale 2nd Hand](#)
  - f. [Irish dance dresses for sale](#)
  - g. [Irish Dance Shoes, Dresses, and Accessories For Sale Worldwide](#)
  - h. [Irish Dance Dresses / Waistcoats for sale New and 2nd Hand](#)
  
2. Buy a new dress:
  - a. Look at instagram and facebook for your favorite designer: Taylor Dresses, Rising Star, Eire Designs, John Carey Designs, there are others too but these are our suggestions. Pick your favorite and approve with your lead teacher.
  - b. Contact designer to put deposit down, set delivery date and start the process.
  - c. Pick color scheme, style of design (type of skirt, neckline, sleeves, design on bodice and skirt, etc)
  - d. Send design ideas, measurements to designer.
  - e. They will send dress sketch back. You will have a couple of opportunities to make minor changes.
  - f. Once you sign off on design it goes into production and shipped to you when completed.
  
3. Boys wear jackets that are either custom made, approved by teacher first, or buy a used jacket from an older boy in Trinity. Please contact your teacher if you qualify for your solo jacket.

Link for example order form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13YAp-aXPk6f1XooTh2PI1EaOGwRStm/view?usp=sharing>

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## Girls' Hair:

**Contact for All That Glitters, who makes the custom bows/side headpieces & custom buckles: Monica Hovis Thompson 708-363-5176, or find her on ["All That Glitters" Facebook page.](#)**

You need a larger/wider donut for solos! 4"-5" usually works. [Large Donut](#)

**Girls U10 & Younger** are wearing short bob wigs and custom bows for solos. You can purchase a Camelia Rose "Rosie", a Camelia Rose "Ciara" if you are tall. Any of those options work, as long as the color is correct.

**Girls U11 & U12** are wearing Camelia Rose "Ciara" wigs (cut short if desired) with bows or side headpieces. If you do not have one made yet, please get in touch with Monica at All That Glitters and order!

**Girls U13 & Up** Camelia Rose "Madie" wigs or Ciara Luxe (from teams) with side headpieces (unless you have approved another look with your lead teacher!) If you do not have a headpiece yet, please get in touch with Monica at All That Glitters to get one ordered.

Boys should have enough hair to style to the side with gel (please do not get buzz cuts!)

## Girls Makeup (U11 & Older):

If you are planning on a makeup look different than the team look, it needs to be approved by your lead teacher. Remember that solos makeup can be same process as team, just heavier. Lipstick color may vary by dancer.

## Black-Out Girls):

\*\*The tights rule from CLRG is in effect! All u14 dancers and older have to wear black tights for black out. Don't forget to wear black spankies over the tights and have black tape for your hard shoes/black laces for your soft shoes.\*\*

[Link to plain sleeve leotard for black-out](#)

[Link to lace sleeve leotard for black-out](#)

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Either leotard is fine, remember you may need black spankies in addition to make sure you are fully covered underneath.

Skirts--you need to have a black skirt that is long enough and has good movement. Long enough means no shorter than 1" above your closed fist. The very popular ivivva/lululemon skirt works on little girls but not older girls. The Trinity old style skort or kilt works great on little girls, just pin number over the red buckles, no need to cover the knot. I need to know your plan for your black out skirt prior to WCF!!

Here are some options, others may work fine so don't buy new if you have one that works.

[Skater skirt](#)   [Amazon skirt](#) (this one is great on younger ones!)   [Amazon skirt](#) (for older ones)

## Black-Out Boys:

Boys may wear their pants with either a new, well-fitting black crew neck t-shirt or their black team button-up with collar unbuttoned and sleeves rolled up. No shorts!

## Black-Out Hair:

*\*Girls wearing black-out attire for PRF (because their dress hasn't arrived) must still do full wig/makeup look!*

Girls hair for WCF should be in TPT style, or another style I have approved. It should still look "done", not casual. No ponytails!!!

## Girls Tanner:

If you do not get spray tanned. Make a plan for how you will tan yourself with mousse tanner. No excuses, do not show up to a feis or competition with white legs. Make sure you rinse the bronzer off and put lotion on in the morning so it doesn't crack.

[St. Tropez Mousse](#)   [St. Moriz Mousse](#)   [Iconic Tan](#) (this one is a very nice color and doesn't need to be rinsed)

## Girls Socks:

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We will all wear new ankle length socks for each competition. No bling socks. Make sure they are glued. Change socks if they get dirty.

## Boys Socks:

Boys must have black crew socks on for everything. No ankle socks.

## Girls Shoes:

Girls should have Feis Fayre Flexi Pros or Fays hard shoes. You can purchase Feis Fayre from [Coughlan's Irish Imports](#) in Milwaukee or directly from feis fayre <https://feisfayre.com/shop/category/footwear/>. Recently it has been cheaper to get directly from feis fayre.

Girls should have Hullachan H3s, Rutherford Cavans or Inishfree Aoifes for soft shoes. These are split sole shoes, not just black bottoms. Please make sure the fit is very snug! You can purchase these at most Irish Dance shoe vendors.

Girls need new white laces for soft shoes to wear with socks and black laces if you wear tights for teams.

## Boys shoes:

## Buckles:

Girls should have buckles for their hard shoes. You can buy AB crystal buckles from All that Glitters or a vendor at the feis or you can have custom buckles made to match your dress. Bailey Fitzmaurice makes buckles ([bailey.fitzmaurice.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.fitzmaurice.trinity@gmail.com)) and so does Monica at All That Glitters. Either is fine.

## Tape:

Make sure you have [black](#) and [white](#) electrical tape (the high quality Scotch from Home Depot or Lowes works best). [Gaffers tape](#) if your dancer wears it.