

Recital Checklist

Costume plus: pink tights, pink ballet shoes for all ballet students (may be ordered through the studio)
BOX of large bobby pins (roller pins) AND BOX of small bobby pins
Hairnets (can be purchased in the hair supply section of any drug store)
Goody ponytail holders (regular size--not small or fat, braided kind)
Barrettes (plain ones without designs on them) close to the color of your hair
Aqua Net hair spray (it is super cheap, but it holds better than the non-aerosol kind) or Hair Gel
Base or foundation 1 shade darker than "normal" skin tone (unless you are naturally dark or tan, then just foundation for normal skin tone)
Eye shadow--medium brown
Blush--medium brown or deep burgundy
Eyeliner--black
Mascara--black WATERPROOF --I hope we don't have any tears, but just in case, we don't want any "raccoon eyes"!!!!
deep burgundy lipstick

NO ONE IS TO WEAR UNDERPANTS DURING THE RECITAL! You do not wear underpants with leotards and tights. The tights are made to function as underpants. Some of the children have told me that their moms make them wear underpants with their leotard, but I have told them..."you don't wear underpants with a swim suit, just like you don't wear underpants with your leotard and tights."

How to make a bun

TIP: START WITH WET OR DAMP HAIR THAT WAS WASHED THE DAY BEFORE. It is easier to work with when it is not freshly washed, and it stays in place better.

Start with a low ponytail wrapped LOOSELY as many times as possible with a regular "Goody" ponytail holder (the braided kind)
Bangs that are SHORTER than the eyebrows may be left down, anything else is too long and must be pulled back securely with a barrette. All wispsies need to be Gelled back smoothly off of the face--WISPIES LOOK VERY MESSY ON STAGE.
take a hair net and wrap it 2x around your fist and set it aside.

For short hair:

you may be finished after the first couple of steps. If your child's hair only fits back into a ponytail and is too short to wrap, leave it pulled securely back into the ponytail and clean up the wispsies and extra hair that might not have fit by using barrettes and gel.

For medium length hair:

Especially if the hair is thin, you may want to "tease" it a bit to give it more body.

take the already teased hair and start loosely wrapping and molding into a bun shape and put a couple of pins in it to loosely hold it in place you may want to spray it at this point to keep it in place put the hairnet over the top so that the elastic part completely covers all of the hair. Slightly push the hair towards the child's head and put at least 10 pins into the bun/hairnet. If the child shakes her head and the bun wiggles, put a little more pressure on the bun and shove some more pins in.

For long hair:

Carefully and loosely wrap the child's hair around the ponytail holder, putting in a few small hairpins along the way.

you may want to spray it at this point to make it easier to work with put the hairnet over the top so that the elastic part completely covers all of the hair. Slightly push the hair towards the child's head and put 20 -30 pins into the bun/hairnet. If the child shakes her head and the bun wiggles, put a little more pressure on the bun and shove some more pins in.

Make up

Evenly apply base to face and neck so that no streaks or lines show have the child "suck in" cheeks and apply blush with applicator brush to the hollow place in the cheeks. Blend it in so that it is evenly distributed in an upward motion.

Apply eye shadow evenly from lashes to brow bone using a large applicator brush. Blend it so that there are no harsh lines.

Eyeliner should be applied on the upper eye lid from the inner eye curving upward about a quarter of an inch past the outer edge of the eye and underneath the bottom lashes from the inner eye curving slightly downward and away from the outer edge of the eye apply a thick layer of water proof mascara to child's upper and lower lashes

Volunteers will be on hand to fix any mistakes, but will not be doing the children's hair and make-up.